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COMMUNITY

## New chief connects with community

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WALES – Wales Police Chief Earl Dessert has been in his new role since October. A resident of Wales himself, adding more initiatives and opportunities for the public to get to know the department and its officers has been a top priority.

Dessert, who also works a full-time job as a lieutenant with the Sturbridge Police Department, said his hours working in Wales vary week to week, hovering around 15 to 20 hours per week on average; Wales is unique in that its eight officers also have full-time jobs elsewhere, Dessert said.



Wales Police Chief Earl Dessert

It's been an adjustment stepping into his new role as chief and figuring out how to balance his time between both jobs, but it's a challenge he's been enjoying, he said in an interview this week.

"Getting to know the police officers that work here has been a highlight," Dessert said. "One other thing I'm really enjoying is getting the police department involved with the community, really bringing in community policing initiatives... I'm enjoying meeting members of the community."

Under Dessert's leadership, the department has held events including a spaghetti dinner for senior citizens, when officers "hung up their badges for the day," put on their aprons and worked as servers at the senior center.

In April, the department will collaborate with the fire department to put on the first Citizens Police and Fire Academy in town – there's a similar program in Sturbridge, Dessert said – designed to give participants an inside look at how the departments operate.

"The whole reason behind the community policing initiatives is to get out and meet people, so they feel comfortable when they see you in your uniform – they're not afraid to

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Mary Cieplik, director of curriculum and instruction for the central business office for Monson Public Schools, organized National Read Across America Day celebrations at Quarry Hill Community School and Granite Valley Middle School.

## Read Across America Day celebrated

By Jonah Snowden  
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MONSON – As a way to engage their students in literature, and provide examples on why developing a habit for reading is important in a fun way, Quarry Hill Community School's Early Childhood Center, as well as Granite Val-

ley Middle School, joined together to celebrate "Read Across America Day," on Monday, March 2.

Read Across America is a resource provided by the National Education Association, and has been established to motivate children of all ages to engage in reading and enjoy doing it year-round. Each of the books that were read aloud to students were carefully selected, and included characters as well as an overall story the students could relate to and learn

from.

This national holiday, which is in conjunction with the birthday of late author and Springfield native Theodor Seuss "Ted" Geisel, otherwise know as Dr. Seuss. It provides people of all paths in life to grab an educational book and hold local public readings. Mary Cieplik, director of curriculum and Instruction for the central business office of Monson Public Schools, said that this year she wanted both Quarry Hill and Granite Valley to

participate in the national holiday for the first time, believing it would benefit the students.

"We're always trying to develop the love of reading in students, so we thought it would be great to build some excitement around reading by having some guests readers from different areas of our community," said Cieplik. She also said the stories they had chosen were both carefully select-

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After reading "The Perfect Pet" by Margie Palatini, Julie Crofts takes a group picture with the all day pre-kindergarten class at Quarry Hills Early Childhood Center.



Denise Newland reads "Dragons Love Tacos" by Adam Rubin to a kindergarten Class at Quarry Hills Early Childhood Center.

REGION

## Gobi files DNA bill

Tool to solve outstanding cases

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

REGION – State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, has filed a bill that could help police solve violent crimes that have gone unsolved. The bill would allow police to compare DNA gathered at crime scenes with DNA in existing criminal databases.

Now police can only use exact matches found in criminal databases when they compare it to DNA gathered at a crime scene, so the bill would expand the use of DNA partial matches as well as full matches.

"Because of working with Heather Bish-Martin, I did some research and some more research, and talked with law enforcement, and put this forward," she said.

Bish-Martin is the older sister of Molly Bish, who was abducted from her Warren lifeguard job in June 2000, when she was 16. Her remains were later found three years later within a few miles of Comins Pond, the location from which she was taken. The case remains unsolved and no one has been arrested although work continues on the case, and the Bish family has worked throughout the years to help solve the case.

The bill was late-filed in January and the Judicial Committee has also had hearings on the bill. It may also come up again when the Joint Ways and Means Committee holds a hearing at the East Brookfield Elementary School later this month.

Gobi said she has received support for the bill from police chiefs and other law enforcement officials who would like the additional but very recent tool as they work to solve violent crimes.

Although other states have allowed police to compare crime scene DNA with DNA samples on

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## Towns gather for regional discussion

Hear updates on recycling, E911 dispatch

By Tyler S. Witkop  
Staff Writer

WILBRAHAM – With towns throughout the region facing substantial increases for such essential services as recycling removal and emergency 911 dispatch operations, a group of varied officials gathered in the Community Room of the Wilbraham Police Station to look for regional solutions.

The Feb. 19 Regional Government Meeting featured representatives from the communities of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer and Wilbraham. Among those in attendance were Wilbraham Selectmen Chairman Susan Bunnell and Robert Boilard, Ludlow Selectmen Chairman Derek DeBarge and Manuel Silva, Ludlow Town Administrator Ellie Villano, Hampden Selectman Mary Ellen Glover and interim Town Administrator Bob Markel, Palmer Town Manager Ryan McNutt, and Chairman Ma-



Staff Photo By Tyler S. Witkop

Wilbraham Selectmen Chairman Susan Bunnell (back center) welcomes local government officials to the Wilbraham Police Station Feb. 19 for a Regional Government Meeting. Selectmen, town administrators and other officials representing Wilbraham, Hampden Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Palmer gathered to discuss topics of regional concern.

rie Angelides and Richard Foster of the Longmeadow Select Board. Also joining the officials was Steve Ellis of the Western Massachusetts Office of the state's Department of Environmental Protection, and Erin Hastings, executive director

of WestComm Regional Emergency Communication Center.

The topic of greatest impact to the communities is that of the expiring contract with Springfield Materials Recycling Facility as

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ELECTION

## Biden does well in primary

By Elise Linscott  
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Unofficial voting results are in after Super Tuesday's primary. Polls were open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. across the state. Here are the results by town:

Palmer saw nearly 26 percent of its registered voters turn out in the town's four precincts and one sub-precinct, with 2,214 of the town's registered 8,570 voters casting ballots Tuesday. Democrat and former Vice President Joseph R. Biden was the primary winner, receiving 590 votes, with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in a close second with 541 votes. Senator Elizabeth Warren received 213 votes, and Michael Bloomberg got 167.

On the Republican side, President Donald J. Trump received 525 votes, and William F. Weld received 40. There was also a contested race for Republican State Committee Woman; Lindsay A. Valanzola won here with 368 votes, and Jordan Willow Evans received 122.

In Monson's Democratic primary, 1,871 voters cast ballots in a 31 percent turnout. Biden narrowly won here, too, with 456 votes to Sanders' 434. Warren received 238 votes, and Bloomberg received 161.

Wales had 30 percent voter turnout, with 388 ballots cast. Sanders pulled ahead with 87 votes to Biden's 83, with Bloomberg receiving 39 and 30 for Warren. On the Republican side, 118 ballots were cast for Trump and nine for Weld.

In Holland, Biden received 139 votes, Sanders received 114, Warren received 60 and Bloomberg received 37.

The Brimfield town clerk could not be reached for voting results Wednesday morning.

COMMUNITY

## Two marijuana facilities opening in Palmer

By Elise Linscott  
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PALMER – Two cannabis companies will soon be opening in Palmer – one cultivation facility, Wing Well LLC, and one medical and recreational retail store, Heka Inc. – and Town Manager Ryan McNutt hopes they will bring the town much-needed revenue.

"I think Palmer, through the two companies alone, could get from \$1 million to a little over \$1 million in increased revenue each year," McNutt said. "That would be very significant. Our largest local revenue source outside the tax base is excise tax on motor vehicles; this would basically be equivalent to another excise tax in terms of revenue."

Both companies signed host community agreements with the town on Jan. 15 of this year. According to an informational packet given to the town, retailer Heka Inc. plans to open in early 2021, at 289 Wilbraham St., and will employ about 30 people. The company has also signed host community agreements in Westfield and Pittsfield.

The cultivation facility, Wing Well LLC, plans to open at the Thorndike Mill and power complex at 4145 Church St. and would be the first anchor tenant in the building,

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# Friends of The Palmer Senior Center 2020 Trips

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# Ashe and Gobi announce forum on crumbling concrete foundations

MONSON – State Rep. Brian Ashe, D-Longmeadow, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, will be holding a public forum on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium, at 21 Thompson St., to update residents throughout Western Mass on the status of crumbling concrete foundations caused by the presence of pyrrhotite.

They will also discuss the state reimbursement program as well as present the final report filed by the Crumbling Concrete Foundations Study Commission. The commission was tasked with examining the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations by identifying the affected locations and overall estimated cost to fully restore the damaged foundations. The report also recommends what steps the state should take to address the overall issue and what action can be taken to best assist affected homeowners.

After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer period.

# Chicopee4Rivers Watershed Council to receive state grant money

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration today awarded \$154,145 in funding to 14 watershed monitoring groups across the commonwealth including \$15,000 for the Connecticut River Conservancy, which in part will go to Chicopee4Rivers Watershed Council.

CRC will use this grant to purchase bacteria sampling and analysis supplies and equipment to support the work of Deerfield River Watershed Association, Chicopee-4Rivers Watershed Council, and the Fort River Watershed Association in conducting weekly and bi-weekly monitoring at 49 sites in the Chicopee, Connecticut and Deerfield watersheds. The money will help organizations test rivers, lakes and ponds, and coastal resources for bacteria.

The Water Quality Monitoring Grant program is being offered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for a second year to support watershed groups with baseline monitoring program activities and to help those groups build sampling capabilities. This grant program is part of a \$450,000 increase in state funding that will be dedicated to increasing capacity in water quality monitoring and assessment.

“Promoting the availability of the latest resources available is critical in improving and protecting Massachusetts waterways,” said Lt. Gov. Charlie Baker. “Our administration is committed to providing the support needed to ensure that our partners in the watershed protection community can continue the important work that they do at such a high level.”

“The diversity of waterbodies in the commonwealth is one of the many reasons it is such a great place to live and work,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “Protecting those assets is a major priority and our continued commitment to monitoring groups will advance this important effort.”

Each grant will fund up to \$15,000 in monitoring project support, and the resulting enhanced water quality data will help MassDEP implement program requirements for the federal Clean Water Act. This funding will help eligible non-profits organizations, including watershed groups, academic institutions and others, with surface water quality monitoring capacity.

“This is the second year of this innovative grant program targeted at building strong data and science around watershed protection,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “The work of regional stakeholder groups to regularly monitor the Commonwealth’s waterbodies for contaminants is essential to the preservation of these important natural resources.”

“The work of regional watershed organizations is an important compliment to ongoing efforts at MassDEP,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “This grant program not only enhances existing programs, but provides an opportunity for groups that wish to develop or expand monitoring in their communities.”

Watersheds across the commonwealth must be assessed every two years. However, many water bodies are not assessed for one or more uses – such as primary or secondary recreation or aquatic life – in any given assessment cycle, and many small or unnamed streams and ponds have never been monitored or assessed. Also, many water bodies that have been assessed in the past need updated information to determine their current condition. It is anticipated that this grant program will increase the availability of bacteria data that is used to determine the condition of surface waters within the state.

“The commonwealth is making an excellent investment by building local capacity in monitoring. Water quality monitoring is the only way we can know if our rivers are safe for fishing, boating and swimming,” said Alison Field-Juma, executive director of OARS, the watershed organization for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers. “It also tells us if there is a problem and helps town, state and federal governments find effective solutions. We are very pleased that the commonwealth will be supporting this cost-effective way to help restore the health of our rivers from which we will all benefit.”

To recognize the value of state partnerships with watershed groups and other external data collectors, the funding balance of \$154,145 will be used to build monitoring capacity. This will include improving the process that external data collectors use to develop state-required quality assurance monitoring project plans, as well as provide technical assistance and training to watershed groups on data management.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

Where is it!



Hint: This week's photo is located in Palmer and is religious in nature. Where is it? Send your answer to [elinscott@turley.com](mailto:elinscott@turley.com).



Last week's photo: Hillside Cemetery in Monson.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

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# Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist's entries.

The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open weekends April 4 to April 19. Will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5

to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson.

The Monson Arts Council show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and printmaking). Also, \$800 is given in additional prizes and a People's Choice Award is selected

by visitors to the show opening.

Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form.

Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11 at 8 p.m. Above fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online.

Sales shop open to all entrants

The Monson Arts Council


offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website.

Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke Community College. Holly S. Murray, ceramics educator and director of William Blizzard Gallery at Springfield College and Eric Gehring, of Boston Camera Club and Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts in Boston. Artists may read the juror biographies and full explanation of the jury process online.

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All guidelines, an application, and information about prizes and jurors may be found at [www.MonsonArtsCouncil.org](http://www.MonsonArtsCouncil.org).



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ed and are very meaningful.

Cieplik said “The Invisible Boy,” by Trudy Ludwig, is a perfect example. The story follows an invisible boy by the name of Brian, who never seemed to be noticed or included in any groups, games or birthday parties. This goes on until a new kid named Justin comes to class, and helps Brian feel welcome. Cieplik said that she hopes that all of the Granite Valley fifth-graders, which got to hear the book, “internalize” the message of including their classmates who might feel left out at times.

Other books that were read included “Bats at the Library” by Brian Lies, The “Girl Who Never Made Mistakes” by Mark Petit and Gary Rubinstein, and “The Perfect Pet” by Margie Palatini.

The selected readers from the Monson Community included president of Friends for the Monson Public Library Denise Newland, Monson High School Assistant Principle Jill Foulis, and more. Newland said she wants to “spread the love of reading” everywhere she goes as she reads to children.

Former teacher at Joseph DeMello School, Helen Mello, also read to a class and said she believes all students need to make reading a habit. “It opens the gates to life, said Mello. “Reading is fundamental at all ages.”

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## Motor vehicles excise tax bills due March 19

MONSON – Motor vehicle excise tax bills have been sent from the office of the Monson Town Collector by March 19. Online payments, using debit or credit cards can be made by going to the town of Monson's website at [www.monson-ma.gov](http://www.monson-ma.gov). Payments can also be made by mail using the addressed return envelope accompany each bill. Public hours for the Monson Town Collector's office at 110 Main St., are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The telephone number of the office is 413-267-4100, ext. 6.

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come up to you and approach you and ask you questions or raise an issue of concern that's going on in their neighborhood," Dessert said.

Dessert said he hasn't experienced any tension between the police and the public in Wales; "it's a very welcoming community, I find," he said.

He's also been updating the department's Facebook page every Sunday with profiles and information about the department's officers, such as where they're from and what their hobbies are, so people can get to know the individuals behind the uniforms.

Since joining the department, Dessert has also been working to update and modernize the department's policies, particularly for dealing with high-risk, low frequency occurrences like domestic violence incidents, pursuits and use of force.

"Those are things that don't happen very often – but when they do happen, the risk or injury or lawsuits is substantial," he said. "So we want to make sure that we have our bases covered to protect the officers and protect the community from liability."

Dessert started his career in law enforcement in 1997 as a part-time officer in Brimfield. He's also worked as a full-time officer with the Warren Police Department and as a state trooper in Vermont. After joining the Sturbridge police, he also went back to school and obtained a master's degree.

In 2018, Dessert also completed the FBI National Academy ten-week personal training development course, which brought together law enforcement personnel from Fiji, the Middle East and all over the world, and was monumental in developing Dessert's career, he said.

His ultimate goal has been to move up the ranks and become a police chief. So when Dessert saw the Wales Police Department was looking for a new chief, he threw his hat in the ring and was "fortunate enough to be selected," he said.

The department's limited hours have presented some challenges; for instance, it's hard to find the time for administrative work. And if there's an arrest – and there are typically only a handful per month – the officers have to figure out who can bring the prisoner to court. But after starting his career in Brimfield, which also employs part-time officers, it's a familiar struggle, and one the department finds ways to work around – great communication is key, Dessert said.

Dessert also hopes to hire two more officers, bringing the department's total up to 10. He said the police force works hard for the community, and he appreciates their support. He also makes himself available to whoever would like to speak with him, both through the department's officers hours on Monday nights from 5 to 8 p.m., and through his email, [EDessert.Police@townofwales.net](mailto:EDessert.Police@townofwales.net).

"I do get a lot of positive feedback from the community, and their support goes a long way," Dessert said.

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which also houses a turbine and micro-grid. The business will also pay 3 percent of its gross sales to the town as part of a community impact fee, delivered to the town on an annual basis. This money can be used at the town's discretion, according to the agreement.

McNutt said he doesn't have a timeline for when Wing Well might start operations, but he hopes both businesses open as soon as possible; he's seen the revenue other dispensaries have contributed to host towns through a 3 percent community impact fee and 3 percent sales tax, spelled out in the host community agreements signed by the companies and the town, which can vary from town to town. In some towns, those payments are made quarterly; according to Palmer's host community agreements with Heka, money from the fees will be paid to the town every six months.

In Northampton, the New England Treatment Access dispensary, which has been open since Nov. 2018, paid the town more than \$700,000 in a single quarter, the Daily Hampshire Gazette reported on Apr. 3, 2019.

"I think any town manager would like to have more revenue for their town," McNutt said. "I'm just going off the data I've seen in other communities that have gotten up and running before us. The revenue seems to be appreciable."

Previously, Altitude Organic Corporation of Massachusetts planned to open offices at 1235 Thorndike St. and a medical dispensary on Chamber Road, and even put up a sign advertising the business, but the plans didn't pan out, McNutt said he didn't have exact details on why the business didn't move forward, since permitting is granted through the state Cannabis Control Commission.

However, another company has expressed interest in potentially opening in that location, but has not signed a host community agreement with the town yet. That same company has also been eyeing a potential store location in the former Thorndike Mills rugs building at 25 Ware St., but has not gone public with plans.

# Smola supports bill promoting regional collaboration on public health services

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is supporting legislation to improve the delivery of public health services through enhanced collaboration between local boards of health and regional health districts.

House Bill 4503, An Act relative to strengthening the local and regional public health system, would make additional training, professional development, and financial resources available to ensure that public

health services are delivered more efficiently and effectively across Massachusetts. The bill was engrossed by the House of Representatives on a vote of 148-0 on Feb. 26.

Under the bill, a new State Action for Public Health Excellence Program will be established within the Department of Public Health to enhance the delivery of public health services at the local and regional levels. The bill specifies that these services will include, but not be limited to, communicable disease control; chronic disease

and injury prevention; environmental public health; maternal, child and family health; and access to and linkage with clinical care.

The bill also creates a competitive grant program, known as the State Action for Public Health Excellence Grant Program, to supplement existing state, local, private and federal funding for local boards of health and regional health districts. The grants will be used to support more regional, inter-municipal collaboration. In addition, the bill requires

DPH to provide employees of boards of health and regional health districts with access to public health educational training opportunities, free of charge, at least four times a year. DPH will also work in consultation with the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health to establish a set of minimum standards for foundational public health services for the Commonwealth, including local public health services and workforce standards.

House Bill 4503 is a re-draft of House Bill 1935, which

was filed by State Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury), who has served as a member of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health since its creation in 2016. Her hometown of Shrewsbury successfully implemented a regionalized public health model partnership with Worcester and other neighboring towns several years ago.

House Bill 4503 now heads to the Senate for further consideration. For additional information, please contact Representative Smola at [Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov](mailto:Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov) or 617-722-2100.



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LUDLOW – As part of the annual Get Your Pink On fundraising event on March 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Ludlow Country Club, 648 East St., the six Patriots Super Bowl trophies will be present and available for photographs with the general public. A set of photographs will cost \$10, with \$5 being donated to Get Your Pink On and \$5 being donated to the Sheriff's Association.

Get Your Pink On is an annual dinner fundraiser benefiting the Cancer Care Patient Fund at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, which serves as a "safety net" program, available to patients and their families who have a specific financial hardship because of a cancer diagnosis or treatment.

Get Your Pink On will start at 5:30 p.m. and will end at about 10 p.m.

Tickets to the dinner, live auction and dancing are \$35 per person. For more information about purchasing tickets for the dinner, call Amanda Carpe at 413-583-5196, ext. 8001.

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genealogy sites, Gobi said her bill does not focus on those type of matches as it raises concerns about privacy issues.

She said in the case of California, where comparisons can be made with samples in genealogy data bases, police were able to identify a man who they eventually charged in 2018 with murder and rapes committed in the 1970s and 1980s. The unknown criminal was referred to for many years as the Golden State Killer or East Area Rapist case. Joseph D'Angelo was identified as the suspect in 12 homicides, more than 40 rapes and many burglaries, according to published accounts.

Gobi said when she brought it up during Attorney General Maura Healey's overview of her budget requests for the coming year during a Ways and Means Committee meeting, Healey said she was open to looking at the bill.

## Fishing Expo offers equipment, knowledge

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW – Local fly fishermen preparing for the upcoming season and looking to stock up on gear or learn about the best places to fish are in luck. The Western Mass Fly Fisherman Club, known for hosting classes for fly-fishing, and fly-tying through educational classes and demonstrations, will be hosting the 2020 Fly Fishing Expo, on Monday, March 16.

At the expo, guests will have the chance to meet with expert fishing guides, state wildlife experts and other exhibitors who will be available to answer questions, demonstrate fly-tying, and sell gear. Vendors include the JT Fly Shop, MassWildLife, and many more. "We're excited about get-

ting a lot of folks to stop by," said Club Secretary Gil DaCosta. "We usually have people come in and keep up to date with things they wouldn't get from a newspaper or television."

There will also be hundreds of fishing items, as well as complete flying kit that will be raffled off. Items also include custom-tied flies and a custom fly rod. "The expo is actually a culmination of the eight weeks of fly-tying classes and a fundraiser for next year's classes, since all of them are free," said Club President Harold Norman. "We're also trying to educate and get younger people into the field of fly-tying and fishing. It's a good sportsmanship activity."

Also, professional fly-tier and charter club member Dan Trela, will be selling rods and providing

the tying demonstrations he gives at each monthly meeting. He will also give a presentation on "Fishing the San Juan River," at 7:30 p.m. During the presentation, Trela will explain the river system itself, the flies that are used and the techniques fishermen use to make their catches. Trela also said he has been fly-fishing for "a long time," and that teaching others about the San Juan River exposes them to fishing in different environments, especially if they don't leave the state to fish.

The expo will take place from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ludlow Elks Club, located on 69 Chapin St. Tickets for each guest are \$7, and free for children under 12. For more information, visit <http://wmffclub.org/>.

## Big Y food donations help feed others

SPRINGFIELD – In a chain-wide effort to help the less fortunate within their local communities, Big Y has donated over \$11.5 million of food or a total of 5.7 million meals to help those in need throughout the region. Their recent Sack Hunger program caps off year-round daily efforts to donate food to all five of their local food banks.

The five food banks within Big Y's local marketing area represent over 2,100 member agencies that benefit from almost daily food donations as well as Sack Hunger. They are The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, The Greater Boston Food Bank, Worcester County Food Bank, Foodshare of Greater Hartford and the Connecticut Food Bank.

In addition to Sack Hunger, Big Y donates healthy food to these food banks 6 days a week throughout the year. Two thirds of those 5.7 million meals include donations of meat and fresh produce, and bakery, non-perishable grocery items, frozen

food and dairy products account for the rest. In fact, these almost daily donations have become routine and a natural part of Big Y's operations. These food banks depend upon this steady flow of food to feed those in need.

Big Y's 10th annual Sack Hunger/Care to Share program brought just over 20,000 bags of food to local recipients. Sack Hunger bags are large reusable grocery bags filled with staple non-perishable foods for local food banks.

Big Y customers purchase a Sack Hunger bag full of groceries for \$10 and Big Y distributes that bag of groceries to a local food bank. In turn, the food banks distribute the filled sacks to area soup kitchens, food pantries, senior food programs, day care centers and more throughout their member agencies. In addition, customers had the option of purchasing

a "virtual" bag in store or online where proceeds were used by many agencies to purchase turkeys or whatever was most needed. Since its inception, 10 years ago, over 175,000 bags have been donated through this program, which typically runs through November and December of each year.

According to Charles L. D'Amour, president and CEO, "We are proud to partner with our local food banks every day of the week. During the holiday season, our Sack Hunger program makes it easy for our customers to provide nutritious, non-perishable staple food to those less fortunate within our community. We are grateful to our customers who help support our friends and neighbors in need. In fact, all of their donated sacks of food have already been distributed to area food banks."

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# Viewpoints

## Dr. Seuss inspires readers of all ages

When written words remain for generations on entertaining and educational pages, it's a legendary legacy. And, so are the quips, quotes and books written by "Dr. Seuss," the pen name of Theodor Seuss Geisel, (1904-1991), an artist and writer with immense talent and imagination.

He experienced the stings of embarrassment at an early age, then later as a young adult, and had multiple rejections on his first book. Yet, later he became an award winning, globally recognized author-illustrator, and an originator of unusual characters.

On March 2, Geisel's birthday, the "Read Across America" campaign by the National Education Association, not only honors the birthday of the beloved children's author, it raises reading awareness in libraries all over the United States.

Geisel, of German heritage, attended schools in Springfield. Two little known events could have discouraged him. During wartime, as a 14-year-old Boy Scout, he excelled in a contest for selling bonds. But, during the on-stage award ceremony, Theodor became embarrassed when he about to receive his award, but none were left! He was asked, "What are you doing here?" After that embarrassment, Geisel didn't like appearing publicly. Later, as an eager Central High art student, he was instructed to draw realistically. But Theodor preferred to "draw as he saw it." We are so glad he did.

At New Hampshire's Dartmouth College, Geisel expressed his creativity and successfully graduated in 1925. Pursuing a PhD in English, he studied at England's Lincoln College, at Oxford. There he met Helen, a writer, who became his future wife. She encouraged him to pursue a career as an illustrator and cartoonist in America. Throughout their 40-year marriage (1927-1967) Geisel continued expressing his creative genius with cartoons, illustrations, poetry, prose, scripts and internationally published books.

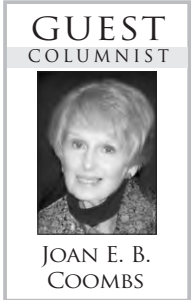
In 1936, while on a European voyage, the rhythm and sounds of the ship's engine inspired Geisel's first children's book, "And to think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street!" On his way home, after receiving the 27th publisher's rejection and ready to burn the manuscript, Geisel met a former Dartmouth classmate who asked to see his writing. Although new to the children's books industry, Vanguard Press published Geisel's book in 1937.

Life magazine noted, in 1954, that children weren't learning to read because their books were boring. William E. Spaulding, of Houghton Mifflin publishers, compiled a list of 348 important words for first-graders. Spaulding challenged Geisel to write a book using only 250 words. Geisel wrote "The Cat in the Hat" book in nine months using 236 words. It achieved international fame.

Dartmouth University awarded Geisel an honorary doctorate in 1956. Dr. Seuss had profoundly influenced great reading habits among millions of children and adults across America and beyond. He authored over 60 children's books, (some with other pen names), selling millions of copies, with many books being translated into more than 15 languages. His prolific writing continued through 1990, when he wrote, at 80 years young, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

In 2002, The Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden opened locally at the Springfield Museums, with help from Audrey Geisel, his second wife. His adult step-daughter, Lark, created beautiful sculptures of Geisel and his book characters. In 2004, across the country, children's librarians began presenting annual Theodor Seuss Geisel Awards. Also, in 2012, Dartmouth Medical School was renamed the "Audrey and Theodor Geisel Medical School" because of the many years of outstanding generosity by the Geisel family.

To this day Theodor Geisel would be amazed at how many children and adults recite lines from his books. Yes, Dr. Seuss writings still inspires readers of all ages.



GUEST COLUMNIST

JOAN E. B. COOMBS



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## Grow hyacinths for the smell of spring

My daughter and I were walking around the yard today. Before I knew it the walk turned into a game of who could spot spring. While I noticed the flower buds on the peach trees, and she pointed to new green growth on iris in the perennial border, I began lamenting that I didn't plant any hyacinth last fall, either in the ground or for forcing inside. I saw a pot of budded hyacinths in the store yesterday but I walked right past. Mistake. That plant's fragrance, at least to me, is the epitome of spring and easily worth a few dollars spent. Here is a refresher course on how to force hyacinth, just in case you'd like to try it for yourself come fall.

Hyacinths are one of the easiest bulbs to force into bloom. You can either pot them in soil or put them in a vase over water and flowers are practically guaranteed provided you follow a few simple steps.

For forcing in pots: Plant your hyacinth bulbs in moistened potting soil pointy side up. The neck of the bulb should be sticking out the soil surface about an inch to an inch and a half. Bulbs should not touch but can be planted quite close to one another. Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. Old refrigerators work great, as do crawl spaces (most rodents will not bother hyacinths), bulkheads and the like, provided the space is free from ethylene-producing ripening fruit. Experts agree that ethylene can damage the immature flower within the bulb. Check on the pots often, watering when needed.

After awhile, you will start to see fat white roots growing towards the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well. This should take about 13 weeks. After the top has put on an inch of growth,

move it to a cool, bright location, about 55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form in a week or two. When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess. If stems do get floppy, insert some twiggy branches for natural-looking support.

Once flowers fade, cut them back, leaving the foliage intact. If it is warm enough, tease apart your hyacinth bulbs and plant them in the garden right away. As leaves yellow they too can be removed. You can also let the foliage ripen in the pot and allow your bulbs to dry out before planting them in the fall just as you would any other bulb.

For forcing in water: Store your hyacinth bulbs in brown paper bags in a 50 to 55 degree location for 12 weeks. Then, position the bulb in a forcing glass or vase so that water comes right to its base but does not cover it. Keep the bulbs cool and dark for another two to three weeks, replenishing water as needed. When at least two inches of roots extend into the water bring the vase into the light. In a couple of weeks flowers will form. Usually bulbs forced in water have little reserves left for repeat bloom but you could give it a try by adding tiny amounts of liquid fertilizer to the water to help ripen the foliage after the flower stalks have been removed. Once it yellows, allow the bulb to dry out and plant in the fall with your fingers crossed.

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### IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid Columnist

## The Leprechaun Rumor

by Bev Lemon

There is a mischievous little elf

I am told he is of Irish descent

One that does not sit upon a shelf

I hope the treasure he has hidden contains more than just one cent

This little guy dresses in a suite of green

I am hoping for the weather to change to rain

Which he always seems to keep pristine

Maybe a rainbow will appear through my window pane

He appears to be quite old

Rumor has it I will find the pot of gold there

Rumor has it he has hidden a pot of gold

At the end of that rainbow the treasure I shall share

No one knows where his hiding place might be

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

If I can catch him, maybe he will reveal it to me

The Counseling Department at Monson High School announces the following programs during the month of March. Anyone with questions about any of these items should contact the Counseling Office at 413-267-4589, ext. 1108.

### SCHEDULING UPDATE

Students in grades 8 to 11 began the scheduling process during the week of Feb.24. Counselors met with all students in small groups to distribute the Program of Studies and other relevant information. Course selection day will be on Friday, March 6, with signed forms due back on Tuesday, March 10. Families who have questions concerning this process are encouraged to contact the Counseling Office.

**CAREER & COLLEGE AWARENESS MONTH** – This annual event takes place throughout March. Juniors will participate in Hot Jobs for You on March 19 and 20, sophomores will participate in College Day on March 24, and freshmen will take part in Career Days on March 19 and 20.

**ACT REGISTRATION** – The regular registration deadline for the April 4 ACT administration was Feb. 28, late registration is March 13. Registration information is available in the Counseling Office or online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

**COLLEGE PREP NIGHT** – The Counseling Department is sponsoring College Prep Night on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafetorium. In addition to a presentation by the Counseling staff, representatives from a private college, public university and community college will be present to discuss admission requirements at their respective institutions. Families will also receive a packet of materials regarding the college admission and financial aid process. The program is free and open to the public.

**JUNIOR PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES** – Parents/guardians of juniors will soon receive a letter inviting them to meet with their child and his/her school counselor during the last part of March and into early April. These conferences are crucial to help ensure that students are on track to graduate and also to discuss their post high school plans. If the assigned time is not convenient please contact the Counseling Office to reschedule. Typically most conferences last about 45 minutes.

**COLLEGE FAIR** – The annual National College Fair will be held once again at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield on Monday, April 6, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Over 150 colleges and universities will be represented at the fair. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gather information and talk to college representatives as they begin their college search process. Juniors will have an opportunity to participate in a field trip during the morning portion of the fair. The deadline to register is March 23.

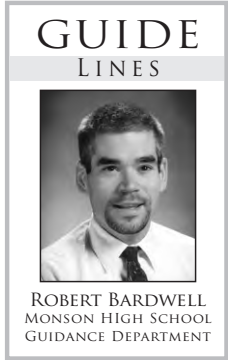
**MCAS SCHEDULE** – Students in grade 10 will take the English Language Arts and Long Composition MCAS tests on March 24 - 25. The exact schedule and testing locations will be distributed to students prior to testing.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** – Students will have a half day of school on Thursday, March 12, due to parent teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to call the high school at 413-267-4589, and schedule a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

**END OF TERM 3** – The third term will end on Friday, April 3.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – The following scholarships are now available in the Counseling Office:

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For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact Lisa Marulli, 413-283-8393 or [lmarrulli@turley.com](mailto:lmarrulli@turley.com), about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

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# This mountain is not hiking itself

By Julie Midura  
Guest columnist

Three years ago, on a wintry day in early December, my husband, Tom, and I hiked up 4,310 foot Mt. Pierce in New Hampshire. We were working on becoming members of the Appalachian Mountain Club's NH 4,000 Footer Club by climbing 48 mountains that range from 4,000 feet to 6,288 feet. We were still newbies to the sport of hiking, having hiked just seven 4,000 footers thus far. Mt. Pierce was our first time encountering winter conditions on a mountain.

It was a frigid, blustery day, and while the hike itself through the snow-covered forest was nothing short of ethereal, the conditions at the summit were an entirely different story. The mountain showed us how little regard it had for our personal comfort by unleashing sub-freezing wind chills, powerful gusts, and whiteout conditions.

Our goal had been to bag Mt.

Pierce, then continue another 1.2 miles along the ridge to bag Mt. Eisenhower. (Ike as she is known by the locals.) Once we reached the summit of Pierce, we hesitated at the trail junction leading to Ike. Was it safe to continue? Were we physically and mentally prepared to hike in those conditions? We had good reason to pause, fully aware of the many fatalities that had occurred in the White Mountains.

Suddenly, a lone figure appeared out of the trees, heading our way from the direction of Eisenhower. When the hiker reached us, I asked him if he had come from the summit. "No," he replied. "I was planning to, but I turned back. The drifts are five feet high and there is zero visibility. There's no way I'd attempt hiking the ridge in these conditions. I've hiked all 48 4,000-footers in Winter, but I know my limits."

We were grateful to have crossed paths with the experienced winter hiker. Our decision was now an easy

one. Ike would have to wait for another day.

As we made our way back down the trail, I exclaimed "Can you believe that guy hiked all 48 4Ks in winter?! I'm sure that we'll do a few of them in the winter months, but I would never attempt the entire list of 48 peaks in winter!" Tom agreed. We weren't that crazy!

Three years later, Tom and I are more than halfway through the Winter 48 list, having been actively climbing them over the past two winters. We had anticipated that we'd get a dozen peaks completed this winter as well, but facial skin cancer surgery that required a skin graft in early December has kept us off the mountains for almost three months. This past weekend, cleared to hike by my surgeon, we drove to New Hampshire to make up for lost time. We hiked the Wildcats on Saturday, a nine-mile out and back hike over four mountains along Wildcat Ridge Trail. It took us eight hours. By the time we reached the car,

our legs were retaliating. I realized that my surgeon mandated 12-week abstinence from hiking greatly contributed to the deterioration of my former legs-of-steel-from-hiking-every-weekend fitness level. And since Tom and I usually hike together, his lack of muscle tone pretty much matched mine. Attempting to reach the summits of several 4,000-plus foot mountains in the span of two days might have been overly ambitious after not hiking for three months. Regardless, we stretched our aching muscles, and prayed that our legs would recover after a good nights sleep. After all, we still had three more mountains to climb on Sunday.

We awoke Sunday morning, and after loading up on Vitamin i, (more commonly known as ibuprofen), we drove to Nineteen Mile Brook Trail to hike the Carters. We were facing 13 miles of snow-covered trails that would take us up and over three 4,000 footers. When we were five miles into our hike, we took a break to refuel be-

fore the final push to our first summit of the day. After resting for several minutes, I turned to Tom and said, "What do you say? This mountain's not climbing itself."

We reached Carter Dome at 11 a.m., and the magnificent views helped take our minds off of the exhaustion. Temporarily. Sheer determination alone is what helped is make it up the next mountain... South Carter.

At one point, I was about 50 feet behind Tom on a steep incline. I was unable to seem him, but was still within earshot. Suddenly, I came upon a single snowshoe in the middle of the trail. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. My mountain man had inadvertently stepped right out of one of his snowshoes, and continued hiking 50 feet up the steep trail without even noticing that one foot was in a bare boot. Not one to miss an opportunity, I yelled up to him, "Hey babe, are you missing something?!" "What did

# Looking Back

Compiled by Bruce Coulter

## 25 YEARS AGO

### FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995 ...

#### Monson Climbers top Mt. Everest summit

By Brenda Sherman

MONSON - For years, people have attempted the long and tedious climb to reach the summit of Mt.-. Everest, some being successful in their feat, while others have not been so fortunate.

Two residents of Monson were among the successful adventurers to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, which at its highest point, reaches an elevation of 29,028 ft. above sea level.

Long-time resident and member of the Monson Arts Council, Gary Pfisterer, was one of these skilled climbers and the other, Ginette Harrison, is new to Monson, having only lived in town for two months. Harrison is originally from England and has spent several years living in Australia.

Pfisterer and Harrison met on their expedition, and together gave a wonderful slide presentation of their adventure at Memorial Hall on Friday evening.

The slide show enabled guests to view the spectacular scenery of the Himalayan mountains, located between Nepal and Tibet, as Harrison took them on a narrated journey.

Pfisterer and Harrison's team of 14 began their 10-week adventure on Aug. 13, 1993. Their team was made up mainly of British climbers, and they were joined by many of the locals who came along to help carry supplies and cook for the team. Yaks were also used to carry a great deal of the equipment to the site of the base camp.

Upon arriving at the base camp, the guides continued on ahead to make a trail through the ice and secure the fixed ropes. The rest of the team stayed on at the base camp, at an elevation of 17,500 ft., in order to climatize. They climbed some of the smaller peaks to help them adjust to the elevation, and the lesser amount of oxygen.

After spending about four weeks at the base camp, they were ready to begin their climb towards Mt. Everest.

Occasionally, large crevasses in the ice would open up, and the only way across was by laying ladders across the width of the crevasse and walking over. Some of the crevasses were hundreds of feet deep, so it was necessary to be clamped onto the fixed rope at all times to prevent-falling in.

The second, camp was set up at an elevation of 21,500 ft. and the third at close to 24,000 ft. The team would make several trips between these and the base camp to climatize before making the final climb for the top.

At one point during the climb, there was an enormous avalanche which buried the site of their third camp. The avalanche finally came to a stop, only 200 yards away from the second camp.

Fortunately, when the avalanche occurred, the third site was not occupied. However, six tents and the supply of food and oxygen were buried, which forced the team to split into two groups, one following two days behind the other.

The final climb for the summit was the most difficult. Oxygen masks had to be worn due to the low amount of oxygen at that altitude, and climbers had to stop to catch their breath after every couple of steps.

At last, the climbers reached their final destination, the summit of Mt. Everest. They were able to rest for a short time and marvel at the wondrous view surround them, on top of Chomolungma, as it is

known to locals - Goddess Mother of the World.

#### Selectmen's Wrap

By Brenda Sherman

MONSON - A public hearing was held last Wednesday night prior to the Board of Selectmen's meeting, to discuss revisions made in the floodplain map for the Pulpit Rock area. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was present to discuss the revisions, which were based on an in-depth study of the area.

The results of the study and revisions to the map will be published on two occasions in local newspapers. There will be a 90-day period of appeal, after which the map will be dated and become effective, provided that there are no problems or complaints.

Several residents who live in



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Gary Pfisterer and Ginette Harrison of Monson show some of the equipment used in their 10-week climb to the summit of Mt. Everest. (Photo by Brenda Sherman)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Happy Birthday... Boy Scouts wore their uniforms to school on Feb. 8 in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. These scouts were seen wearing their uniforms at Converse Middle School. From left, Bryan Danek, of Three Rivers, Joshua Machnik, of Palmer, and Derek Reim, of Three Rivers. (Photo by Barbara Slater)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Preparing for "Camelot" on Friday and Saturday at PHS. Left, Mike O'Dell, Tony Bobowicz and Paul Phillips. Right: Diane Dupont with Paul Murphy.

the area attended the hearing and aired concerns about a dam that has not been maintained and is greatly in need of repair. The problem with this dam, which is not owned by the town, has been ongoing for many years.

David Knowles, the FEMA official present at the hearing told residents that they could write to public officials or the state agency for dam safety for assistance in the matter.

Residents said that they have contacted all of the proper officials and agencies and have gotten nowhere. Knowles was asked if he might be able to speak with someone on their behalf, to which Knowles replied that he would try.

Selectmen met with Stanley Walczak of Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), later in the evening in a Board of Health meeting. Walczak discussed the results of the company's route audit, which is done once a year to determine who is using their services. Walczak said that they will do the audit once again in



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995: Deacon Raymond Contois and Bishop Daniel C. Braun.

the spring, just in case anyone was away at the time and did not use the services during the first audit.

Executive secretary, Gretchen Neggers stressed the need for residents to comply with the new house number changes. Posting the new numbers is not only essential for safety reasons, but because it is con-

fusing for the drivers of BFI. The drivers use the house numbers for their pickups, and having incorrect numbers posted causes a great deal of confusion and problems.

The Board of Selectmen approved the appointment of members of the Designer Selection Committee. Those appointed were Sherwood Young, from the Capital Planning Committee; Assessor David Royce, a department head from the building; William Jurczyk, a resident of the town; Art Goneau, from the finance committee; Grace Makepeace, Board of Selectmen;



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Tom Ricardi holds a Golden Eagle displaying the bird's size and wingspan during Cub Scout Pack #164 of Thorndike's Blue and Gold Banquet on Feb. 5. (Submitted photo by Beth Zelazo)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Merrill L. Simonds Post 130, The American Legion of Palmer recently made a presentation of a 1970 membership and Braille watch to Vietnam veteran Kenneth Mega, of Bonsville. Making the presentation on behalf of the Post at West Haven, Connecticut V.A. is Past Commander Peter E. Pappas.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: 128 years combined service to Diamond National Corp! Honored at a recognition of service dinner last Friday at Salem Cross in with 32 years' service each were, left to right, John Cantwell, Walter Siok, Intermittent Dept. Supervisor; Norman F. Rauscher, Plant Mgr., shown congratulating the group: Chester Godek, Elec. Dept. Foreman; Stanley Muniec.

also appointed as non-voting members were Building Inspector John Stockman and Executive Secretary Gretchen Neggers.

The purpose of this committee is to select a consultant who will put together a plan for bringing the building at 110 Main St., which now houses the police station and town offices, up to working conditions. Selectmen voted to use funds from the capital expenditure account for this purpose.

Five Teen Center committee members were also appointed by selectmen. Members will include Chairman Michael Norton of State Street, Norton's wife, Pam, special police officer Robert Hawkins, eighth grade student Shawn McCarthy, and senior Linda Roy.

Selectmen asked Michael and Pam Norton to meet with the committee members before the next scheduled selectmen's meeting and come up with information including funds needed, estimated operating costs, hours the teen center would be open, and how many students would be interested in becoming members. Committee members will meet with selectmen at their next

scheduled meeting to discuss this information.

#### Bethany Catholic Church ordains first deacon

PALMER - Father Martin Henri, Prior of the Brothers of Bethany and Pastor of the Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church of Brimfield/Palmer has announced the ordination of The Rev. Mr. Raymond Contois of Belchertown as a Deacon within the local church community.

The Rite of Ordination, which dates back to the Apostolic Church, was presided over by the Most Rev. Daniel C. Braun, D.D., of New York, presiding Bishop of the Charismatic Catholic Church of America. The church has communities throughout the United States.

The Bethany community joined the Charismatic Rite almost three years ago and has been steadily growing. Deacon Contois has been involved in studies for the past three years and is expected to be ordained a Catholic priest by the end of the year. He is married and father of two children. He will continue to be in ministry with the local community.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Capt. Walter Tobias

## 50 YEARS AGO

### FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970 ...

#### Carper, St. Win Key Races in Palmer

A new member of the School Committee and a new "old face" on the Board of Selectmen featured Monday's election in Palmer. The election brought out 3880 voters out of the total registration of 5619.

The thriller-diller of the election came in the race for a three-year term on the School Committee. Robert Carper, a losing candidate in the past, came through with a seven-vote victory over Earl Benoit. Carper polled 1292 votes to 1285 of Benoit.

Interesting here was the fact that the incumbent, Mrs. Kathryn Flaherty, finished third with 1148 votes.

Carper won the election in Precinct A, where he reaped 712 votes to 339 for Benoit. Carper was thumped in Precinct C, Benoit's home area by a 597-255 count, but battled Benoit on even terms in the other two precincts to pull out the close verdict.

Mrs. Flaherty ran fairly strong in Palmer but did little in the villages.

With Carper now on the School Committee, rumor has it that there will be an attempt made to unseat Henry Trespas as chairman. Stanley Kaczmarczyk reportedly will be put up for election as chairman of the board.

In the Board of Selectmen contest, Leo St. Amand made a triumphant return to office as he pulled a heavy vote in Palmer and Three Rivers to finish second in the three-way race with 2140 votes.

Top vote-getter among the selectmen was incumbent William Lemanski who ran strong everywhere to total 2227 votes. Thomas Haley, the incumbent who had suffered a one-vote loss in his party's caucus got the voters nod with 2025 votes.

The losers were incumbent Donald Belisle and veteran campaigner Raymond Niles.

Other winners included Stanley Swiatkowski, for assessor, over Walter Majka; Bernard Lamery, Edwin Olearczyk and Fred Tyburski, for license commissioners; and Carper, for Pathfinder Regional district committeeman.

The top vote-getter of them all was town treasurer, Joseph Gill, who ran unopposed and received 3270 votes. John Brown, the town's collector of taxes as long as most people can remember, had another good year with 3219 votes.

A referendum concerning additional health insurance payments

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Business

Local hairdresser opens her own salon in Monson



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden  
Hairdresser and owner of Beauty by Briana, Briana Salerno, with her client, Maddison Mayberry.

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MONSON – After watching both of her parents work as business owners and developing a passion for hairdressing Briana Salerno has opened up her own hair salon, “Beauty by Briana,” in downtown Monson.

Since opening the doors at 180 Main St., on Saturday, Feb. 1, Salerno has provided each of her clients with the full hair salon experience, whether it is through waxing, highlighting, cuts or other services.

Salerno’s interest in owning her own business and pursuing a career in hairdressing began during her younger years, while watching her mother, Michele Salerno, work as a hairdresser. She was also inspired by her father, Steve Salerno, who owns “Salerno’s Taste of Philadelphia,” located on 223 Main St., in Monson.

When she was ready to actively pursue these opportunities, Salerno attended a nine-month hairdressing program at Springfield Technical Community College in 2017, where she learned how to work in a professional hair salon. Salerno said that the program taught her not only how work on different clients’ hair, but how to communicate with them. She also learned the business side of a salon.

Before graduating, she also had to work with a total 30 clients. During her time in the program, Salerno said she also studied chemistry, anatomy and physiology, which greatly helped her understand the science of hairdressing. Overall, Salerno said her time at STCC gave her the experience she needed to own her own hair salon. “It was definitely one of the best decisions I made, education wise,” said Salerno.

Before she opened up her own shop, Salerno worked at the local hair salon

“Hair-It-Is,” also in Monson, and said she appreciates owner Kim Kelley and the rest of the crew’s support.

“Kim has always been supportive of me since I started there, and all of the other girls there helped me constantly grow and learn,” said Salerno. “I will always respect them.” Kelley offered similar sentiments, and said although she misses Salerno, she is happy she was able to go off on her own. “She is a wonderful girl,” said Kelley. “I wish her the best of luck.”

Salerno described her transition from being an employee to being an owner as a very “nerve wracking experience,” but said she is also fortunate to have parents whose experience in owning a business has helped her along the way. “I feel like it’s still continuously a learning experience for me, but it’s definitely come together for sure,” said Salerno.

Since opening the salon, and having the chance to work with clients of her own, Salerno said the most enjoyable aspect has been the “personal one-on-one” experiences she has during each appointment. One of Salerno’s recent clients, Maddison Mayberry, who just had her first appointment at the salon, said she had a great time, likes how her hair looks and looks forward to coming back. “I am super happy with how it came out,” said Mayberry. “She really listens to what you want, and does everything to make your vision happen. She’s also very sweet.”

Moving forward, Salerno said she plans to continue building her clientele, and anyone who is interested in checking out the salon should contact her at 413-278-3957. To reach out to Salerno or to see what Beauty by Briana has been up to through social media, visit her Facebook and Instagram page, which both have the same name as the salon.

Paramount Pizza 3 celebrates 10th year in business

By Jonah Snowden  
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PALMER – After moving to America from Turkey in 1987, and having his first experience of working in a pizza shop that same year, Ali Bolok began pursuing a career as a business owner. His pursuit gave him not one, but three pizza restaurants in Western Massachusetts. Now, after providing his food to Springfield, Holyoke and Palmer, he is celebrating Paramount Pizza 3, located at 1620 North Main St.

Bolok, reflecting on this accomplishment, said his time working at his first pizza restaurant, Captain’s Pizza in Shelton, Connecticut, allowed him to learn and enjoy the craft of making the perfect pie for his customers. “I love to make pizza,” said Bolok.

“It’s why I’ve been doing this for a long time.” He also said that he always uses the best ingredients he can find not just for his pizzas, but also for his other dishes, which include gourmet grinders, fried dough and calzones among others.

Bolok opened his first restaurant in Springfield in 1999, and since the store was built on the same street as Paramount Theater he gave his restaurant the same name. Since then, he has not strayed from his mission to continue providing each customer that walks through the door with the best quality food in each town Paramount serves.

To check out Paramount Pizza’s menu, call 413-283-5555, or visit paramountpizzapalmer.com, which will also give instructions on how to order food online.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
Paramount Pizza 3 owner Ali Bolok, who also manages the Holyoke and Springfield locations, celebrates the restaurant’s 10th year in business in Palmer.

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for town employees was defeated, 1553 to 1326.

Monson Election

The annual Monson election will be held Monday In Memorial Town Hall. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be only three contests on the ballot.

For the Board of Selectmen, 3-year term, Albert B. Coolong, incumbent will be opposed by Ira A. Bonett, newcomer. Everet W. Gustafson, incumbent on the Water Commission will be opposed by Raymond Klisiewicz of Wales Road. On the Recreation committee Leonard Farquahar and Claude Taymor are seeking the 3-year term which is open due to the vacancy by George North, whose term expired. North is not seeking re-election.

For the school committee there are two to be elected for a 3-year term. Clifford Allo, incumbent, will seek reelection and Robert Moriarty a newcomer will run unopposed. Milton L. Robar of Woodhill Road is seeking the 1-year term on this committee and is unopposed.

Three-Vote Win in Wales

A close race took place for the office of Board of Selectmen for 2 years. It was anyone’s guess who would win between Wilfred J. Anair, Sr., running for re-election and James P. O’Keefe, in the five blocks round one of votes cast, a total of 251, but O’Keefe edged out Anair by 3 votes, 127 to 124.

In the only ether contest for one member of the School Committee for three years, Ms. Nancy Brown edged ahead each block and ended with 133 votes over John H. Haraghey, Sr. with 58 and William R. Goyette with 54, and 6 blank votes were cast.

With no contest Francis J. Brow received 197, with 54 blanks for Board of Selectmen for three years and James J. Sheeran received 214 with 37 blanks for Selectman for one year. Moderator for one-year, John H. Riddle, 216 and 35 blanks, Assessor for three years, trick J. Haley 205 and 46 blanks; Tantasqua School Committee, John E. Haley 172 and 78 blanks, William H. Goyette received one written-in vote.

Cemetery Commissioner for three years, William C. Towns, 215 and 36 blanks; Library

Trustee for three years, Frank T. Nierodzinski 221 and 30 blanks; Mrs. June Dickinson for Town Treasurer, 213 and 38 blanks and Mrs. Teresa Jette for Tax Collector, 221 and 30 blanks; and Constable for three years, William D. Morgan, 220 and 31 blanks.

The question dealing with Insurance drew 108 yes, 90 no and 53 blanks.

Workers at the polls were Mrs. D. Dorothy Gregoire, Town Clerk; Charles Robinson, Police Officer; Mrs. A. Sylvia Worth, Mrs. Leona Gregoire, Mrs. Helen Haley and Mrs. Jean Plumley.

Back from Vietnam

The family of Captain Walter A. Tobias, of Warren, are proud to announce his return after having spent a year of active duty as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, U. S. Army, stationed in Lai Khe, Vietnam.

He was awarded the Air Medal on September 24, 1969 for distinguished and meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat ground forces in the Republic of Vietnam. During the period of March 11, 1969 to August 28, 1969, he actively participated in more than twenty-five aerial missions over hostile territory.

Captain Tobias is the son of the late Mr. Roman Tobias and Mrs. Edward F. Lukas, of Warren. The Captain, his wife (formerly Miss Barbara Burroughs, also of Warren), and his two daughters, Tracey, 2 yrs., and Tricia, 4 mos., will move on to Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 1, where he will continue his Army career.

100 YEARS AGO  
FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

Three Fires In Two Days  
Home of G. E. Clough Burned; Others Not Serious  
FIRST FRIDAY MORNING; HIGH WIND  
Blaze in Converse House in Afternoon; Smudge in South Main Street Home Saturday

The two-story dwelling house of Town Treasurer George E. Clough, at 19 North Main street was practically destroy by fire last Friday morning. A part of the front of the lower story is left,

but it is of no avail.

A portion of the furniture on the lower floors was saved. The loss is about \$8000 and is covered by insurance. Mrs. Clough and two children had been ill for some time but were taken to a neighbor’s and were none the worse physically for their experience. The fire started in the bathroom on the second story. In an effort to thaw out a frozen water pipe Mr. Clough raised a portion of the floor, placed an electric flatiron across two pipes, turned on the current, covered the apparatus with a rug to keep in the heat, and went downstairs. Returning later he found a brisk blaze in the space where he had left the flatiron. There being no water available at that point Mr. Clough hastened to a shop in the yard and secured a length of garden hose, which he attached in the cellar. But by that time a pipe next to the fire had broken and there was no water pressure for the hose. The fire quickly made its way under the floor and up into the attic and fed by a high wind made rapid progress. An alarm was rung from box 42 at 8:40. and the fire department responded promptly, being on the scene in seven minutes.

A stream of water was at once used to protect the house on the west, which caught fire from the intense heat but was saved by the action of firemen. Another stream was added in a few minutes and still later a third. Owing to the high wind there was little chance of saving the Clough house, although the firemen fought valiantly.

Blaze in the Converse House  
An alarm was rung from box 68 at 3:33 in the afternoon for a blaze in a room at the rear of the third floor of the Converse House on Main street. Thomas Gleason and Michael McIntire were in the hotel when the blaze was discovered and did good work in holding the blaze in check until the arrival of firemen, who were on hand in good time. So good a start had been made in controlling the fire that the firemen found no occasion to use water and were able to extinguish the blaze with additional chemicals.

The damage to the building was limited to about \$500. The room was occupied by George Smart, and his loss, confined to clothing, was about \$400. The fire started in a closet and was undoubtedly cause by mice gnawing matches, which Smart had carelessly left in his clothes, as this had happened once previously, but at that time the blaze was discovered before it gained much headway.

Saturday Fire in Dwelling

The third fire came at 8:05 Saturday morning, an alarm being rung from box 66 on South Main street. The blaze was on the ground floor of what was formerly the “Charlie Dewey” house, now owned by Mendell

Ecker, in the tenement on the west side, occupied by William Grady. A sheet iron stove in the living room had been filled with wood, and the heat from the pipe had set fire to woodwork around the chimney, which was old and had crumbled to pieces, making an excellent foothold for the flames. The fire worked into the partition and up to the second floor, where holes had to be chopped into the walls before the fire could be controlled. Again, the firemen were in luck and did the work with chemicals. The damage to the building is about \$500. Grady’s person loss may possibly reach \$50, and the Lindquist family, on the second floor, were principally damaged smoke. They had no insurance, but other losses were fully protected.

Spanish War Veteran’s Death

Hugh C. Ament, an inmate of the Monson State Hospital since 1898, died at that institution Sunday. Ament was in the United States Navy, and a fall from the rigging to the deck of the ship on which he was serving caused an injury to his head which resulted in his commitment to the hospital. He served in the Spanish War and was wounded by a splinter from a shell in the battle of Santiago. He was pensioned, and Charles L. Waid, treasurer of the Palmer Savings Bank, was named as his guardian. He was born in Iowa, but was a legal resident of South Groveland, in this state at the time of his injury, hence his commitment to the Monson institution. He is survived by four sisters, Miss Madge Ament and Mrs. Mary A. Seymour of Melrose, Mrs. I. W. Sanders of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Mary J. S. Davis, of Iowa. His relatives were notified of his death.

Monson Foresters Victorious

Court Palmer, Foresters of America, in their pitch contest with their brother Foresters of Monson, were nosed out by the small margin of two games. The strange coincidence of the series was that the Palmer boys won three times and, played a tie on one other occasion, but were finally subdued in the last night of play.

Miss Katherine Farrell is again at work in the Journal Office after a short illness.

L. L. Merrick Woman’s Relief Corps will hold a meeting in Memorial Hall tomorrow evening.

E. J. Duncan, who has been ill for two weeks, has recovered and has reopened his barber shop.

Fred LaBelle has severed his connection with the Brouillette barber shop and has taken a position in a mill in Monson.

Merrill L. Simonds Post of the American Legion will hold a meeting this evening in Thorndike.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Goodes of Highland street are rejoicing over the birth of a son Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Crook, wife of Harry Crook of Better Brushes, Inc., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Line this week.

Mrs. S. L. Metcalf, wife of S. L. Metcalf, General Manager of Better Brushes, Inc., is visiting friends in Palmer this week.

E. Roundy has changed the scene of his operations to Palmer.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp

6. A type of gin

10. Japanese ankle sock

14. Swiss city

15. Applied to

17. Achievements

19. Japanese title

20. Possesses

21. Belgian city

22. Child

23. Great delight

24. Petty quarrel

26. Gathered

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Path

32. Legendary hoops coach Riley

34. A citizen of Denmark

35. Flat

37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

39. Distort

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

43. Without

45. Workplace safety agency

46. Political action committee

47. Period of plant and animal life

49. Swiss river

50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

53. State of being kept secret

57. Hobbies

58. One-time Korean ruler

59. Sudden attack

60. Born of

61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party

6. Thin wood

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

10. Multi-leveled

11. Influential diarist

12. Gambles

13. Many subconsciousnesses

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit

22. Tantalum

23. Steps leading down to a river

24. Kids love him

25. Before

27. Fencing swords

28. Mountain range in China

29. Payroll company

30. A way to pack together

31. Business designation

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

35. Forage fish

36. Greek temple pillars

37. Internet mgmt. company

39. Rouse oneself

42. In a way, covered

43. Elaborate silk garment

44. Cooling unit

46. Riley and O'Brien are two

47. \_\_\_ fide: genuine

48. Ancient Incan sun god

49. Poker stake

50. Trigonometric function

51. Interesting tidbit

52. Adieus

53. U.S. Treasury position

54. Midway between east and southeast

55. Doctors' group

56. Women's \_\_\_ movement

# Community CALENDAR

E-mail items to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com) or mail to Calendar Editor, Journal Register, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, for receipt by Monday of week for publication.

## NOW

### INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP** at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-foot x 20-foot for \$125 or 20-foot x 40-foot for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**PALMER SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

**BOOKSTORE** at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

**MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF** at the Monson-Glen-dale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email [palewis19@yahoo.com](mailto:palewis19@yahoo.com).

**MAKE A DONATION** to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine

subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

## EVENTS

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

The 29th annual lenten lunches will be held at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., in Palmer, on Fridays through April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunch menu will consist of homemade soups, lobster salad roll, sandwiches, homemade dessert and beverage. Will deliver to Palmer and Monson area. Phone orders taken from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 324-3122 or 284-7995. Call ahead for delivery or pick up or enjoy lunch in the dining room.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Patrick Duffy, of the Elbow Plantation Historical Society, will give a free talk at the Palmer Public Library on March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the community room about the Falls of Wallamanumps. He will talk about the natural bridge and red sandstone, which once spanned the Chicopee River between Ludlow and Indian Orchard. The Native Americans called the area Wallamanumps Falls. Family memberships to the Elbow Plantation Historical Society are \$10 a year and items of local historic significance are accepted at the society’s monthly meeting.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

**CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** will be sponsored by the Sons of AMVETS Squadron 74, 2015 Main St., Three Rivers on Sunday, March 15, noon to 4 p.m. There will be live Irish music by the band Malarky from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the post.

**FREE MOVIE** “The Shoes of the Fisherman” starring Anthony Quinn will be shown on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church Columbia Hall on Green Street in Monson. Admission and refreshments are free.

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

**2020 FLY FISHING EXPO**, hosted by Western Mass. Fly Fishermen Club, will take place Monday, March 16, at Ludlow Elks Club, 69 Chapin St., in Ludlow from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Speaker Dan Trela will give a

presentation on “Fishing the San Juan River” and other Western Fly Fishing Experiences at 7:30 p.m. Exhibitors include expert fishing guides, fly fishing equipment makers and dealers, Mass State and Wildlife experts, other related exhibitors, and WMFF member demonstrating fly tying to answer any of your questions. Hundreds of fishing items will be raffled off including a complete fly tying kit, bucket raffles for custom tied flies, and a custom fly rod. Door prize of a complete fly fishing combo and 30 hand tied flies. Refreshments and food will be for sale.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

**FRIENDS OF THE MONSON FREE LIBRARY** bake sale will be held March 17 from 10:30 a.m. until sold out. Members of the Friends bake many goodies featuring scones, pies, cookies, cakes and special Irish treats. Proceeds from the sale will benefit programs at the library including story hours, museum passes and a multitude of activities. Come, indulge a sweet tooth and support the Friends.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**ANNUAL CORNERED BEEF SUPPER** of The Palmer Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m., at St. Thomas Hall on Thorndike Street . Along with a corned beef dinner, there will be entertainment and raffles. A \$10 donation is requested. For more information please call Norm at 413-283-7527.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

**PARISH MISSION/RETREAT** “Into the Depths of God’s Compassion” will be presented by Virginia Blass, D.M. The topic on Monday’s March 30 gathering is “Deepening in Compassion” at St. Patrick’s Church, Monson, at 7 p.m. Tuesday’s March 31 gathering will be “Deepening in Mercy” at St. Christopher’s Church, Brimfield at 7 p.m. Wednesday’s April 1 gathering is “Deepening in Mission,” at St. Patrick’s Church, Monson at 7 p.m. Talks will last about one hour. Blass is an experienced and certified spiritual director, preacher, author and retreat minister. She has been engaged in ministry for over 25years, and offers spiritual direction, guided retreats, parish missions, parish programs and consultation. She was also a special education teacher for many years.Free will offering only. All are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 413-267-3622.

## ONGOING

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-267-5025.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Planning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM** is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email [khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org) or visit [www.keep-homesteadmuseum.org](http://www.keep-homesteadmuseum.org)

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## Will Your Money Last as Long as You Do?

What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them – 49% – are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44% whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon Center for Longevity and other groups.

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Estimate your longevity.** None of us can say for sure how long we’ll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much money you may need to last the rest of your lifetime. A word of caution: It’s probably going to be more than you think. Health care costs alone can run into the hundreds of thousands, even with Medicare.

- **Determine when you’ll retire.** Your retirement age will have a big impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out of pocket health care costs you’d normally have to pay if you’re retired.

- **Invest as much as you can in your retirement.** During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer’s plan.

- **Protect yourself from long-term care costs.** If you’re fortunate, you’ll never need any type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider. Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified long-term care costs. Or you might consider a “hybrid” policy, which combines long-term care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care, your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses.

- **Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate.** During your retirement, you’ll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But you’ll want to avoid taking out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It’s important to establish an annual withdrawal rate that’s appropriate for your needs, taking into account your age, sources of income, lifestyle and other factors.

The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed – but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

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# Schools

## Monson Public Schools preschool screening

MONSON – The annual screening of preschool children (3 and 4-year-olds) will take place at Quarry Hill Community School, 43 Margaret St. on Monday, April 6, Tuesday, April 7, Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The screening will include assessments of each child’s hearing, vision and general readiness for preschool. Please call Tamara Bingle at 413-267-4150, ext. 403 to arrange for an appointment. Please provide a name, address, telephone number, child’s name and date of birth.

## HCC Foundation opens 2020-21 scholarship season

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year.

More than \$200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and transferring HCC students.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC’s nonprofit fundraising corporation.

Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for student in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

To begin the application process, go to [www.hcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hcc.edu/scholarships).

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182 or Donahue 170 on the HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

## Journalism scholarships available through NENPA for 2020

Aspiring journalists are encouraged to apply for a New England Newspaper and Press Association scholarship through the Journalism Education Foundation of New England.

High school seniors and college students studying and acquiring work experience preparing them for a career in journalism are eligible to apply.

To qualify, students must be a resident of New England, be a high school senior or college undergraduate studying journalism or a related field, and have GPA of 3.0 or higher. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate a serious interest in journalism by sending a cover letter, transcript, resume or biography, letter of recommendation and a body of published work in a school news publication, general circulation newspaper or similar publication or a body of work prepared for a journalism class.

The deadline for applications is March 27. For more information or applications, visit [nenpa.com/students/scholarships](http://nenpa.com/students/scholarships).

## Country Bank hosts Credit for Life Fairs

WARE – Country Bank will be hosting Credit for Life Fairs at local high schools.

Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre will host Credit for Life Thursday, March 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for students at Quabbin Regional High School, Leicester High School and North Brookfield High School.

Minnechaug Regional High School, 621 Main St., Wilbraham will host a Credit for Life Tuesday, March 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for students at Minnechaug Regional High School and Monson High School.

Ware High School, 237 West St., Ware will host a Credit for Life Thursday, April 9, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Ware High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Belchertown High School.

Tantasqua Regional High School, 319 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale will hold a Credit for Life Fair Friday, May 8, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. for students at Tantasqua Regional High School and Quaboag Regional High School.

## Wing Memorial auxiliary offers seven scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of \$1,000 to students planning to enter the healthcare field. One eligible student from each of the following schools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School and Ware High School. Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.

## Reuniontime Attention Belchertown High School Class of 1970

BELCHERTOWN - The Class of 1970 is planning a 50th Class Reunion social gathering on April 25, 2020 at the Grapevine Grill in Belchertown beginning at 5 p.m. The deadline for R.S.V.P. and payment (amount to-be-determined) for the appetizers is April 3, 2020.

Details are still being finalized with the venue, however, reunion organizers have decided on offering a selection of appetizers to offer attendees for a minimal cost. A full menu will also be available for those wishing to purchase a meal along with a cash bar.

A Facebook Group Page has been set up by Norma Vosburgh Lofland for anyone wishing to respond with questions. Type in “BHS Class of 1970” Reunion and if you haven’t been added to the group you can ask to be added. Some classmates may not be on Facebook and organizers would appreciate any help getting this message out if you know someone who is not.

Direct any questions to Barb Menard Greene at [Br123199@charter.net](mailto:Br123199@charter.net). A follow up article (and Facebook Group update) with final cost details will be published in a couple of weeks. The class of 1970 hopes to see everyone there!

## Tech Class of '70 to hold reunion

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Technical High School Class of 1970 will hold their 50th Reunion Saturday, April 25 from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Springfield Country Club, 1375 Elm St., West Springfield. Tickets are \$60 per person and must be purchased by April 10.

For more information, call Vinnie Iuliano at 508-633-5000 or email [viulianosr@aol.com](mailto:viulianosr@aol.com).

# People

## NBSB lists promotions of mortgage lending team members

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) announces the promotions of Frank Amato, Caitlin Burns and Michael Terlalis, members of the bank’s mortgage center team, with their primary office location at 35 Summer St., North Brookfield. “Frank, Caitlin and Mike all have vast experience within the mortgage lending field and a comprehensive background in customer service,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank president and CEO Donna Boulanger. “They strengthen our Mortgage Center team, ensuring we provide our customers looking to finance a home with the best lending experience, from start to finish. They are most definitely an asset to our customers and the NBSB family.”

Frank Amato of Longmeadow has been promoted to the role of vice president, director of mortgage lending and business development. He began his career with the North Brookfield Savings Bank in 2018 as vice president, residential lending manager. He quickly demonstrated himself to be a valuable addition to the Mortgage Center team and a respected and appreciated resource to the customers of the area.

In his new role, he will continue to manage the residential mortgage department and assist customers with their home buying goals. In addition, he will further develop and manage the North Brookfield Savings Bank business development program in order to cultivate new prospective customers and build relationships in the bank’s communities.

Amato holds a Bachelor’s Degree in finance from Stonehill College and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 204101. Previous to joining North Brookfield Savings Bank, he successfully managed a team of loan officers and originated loans as the Assistant Sales Manager at Citizens Bank. Prior to that he was a vice president of production and senior loan officer at first alliance lending where he oversaw the sales and processing teams to ensure high quality customer service was provided and origination practices were met.

“I am happy to be recognized with this promotion. I look forward to continue to work with

our community members to help make their dreams of homeownership possible,” said NBSB vice president / director of mortgage lending and business development, Frank Amato. “I am also eager to take on the responsibility of business development program and look forward to further growing North Brookfield Savings Banks relationship within our communities.”

Caitlin Burns, of West Brookfield, has been promoted to assistant vice president / residential lending manager. She began her career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a loan servicing representative and through career advancements has since held various titles, with her most recent title being assistant vice president and Underwriter/Closer. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Worcester State University and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage

Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 968666. In her new position, Burns will be responsible for overseeing the residential mortgage department in the origination, underwriting and servicing of all mortgage loans, as well as ensuring residential lending policies and procedures best serve the bank and its customers.

“I look forward to growing in my new role and taking on the additional responsibility as Residential Lending Manager. I love to help customers along their home financing journey and I always aim to give them the best possible lending experience,” said Caitlin Burns, Assistant Vice President and Residential Lending Manager of NBSB. “As a local myself, I enjoy helping those within our communities, whether it be through a lending based connection or through community outreach.”

Michael Terlalis of Ashford, Conn, has been promoted to Senior Mortgage Underwriter. He began his career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Mortgage Loan Processor in 2018.



Frank Amato



Caitlin Burns



Michael Terlalis

In his new role, Terlalis will focus largely on offering support to customers throughout the process of obtaining a mortgage, as well as verifying, reviewing, evaluating and preparing mortgage loans for approval and loan commitment. In addition, he will be responsible for processing and preparing loans for closing.

Terlalis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Central Connecticut State University, is a Certified Master Mortgage Underwriter through the National Association of Mortgage Underwriters and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 1039303.

“I enjoy working with the Mortgage Center team at North Brookfield Savings Bank and interacting with our customers as they explore their financing options.

It is great to be a part of a person’s home buying or refinancing experience and to provide them with the tools they need to make their goals become reality,” said Michael Terlalis, North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Mortgage Underwriter. “I am very happy for this recognition and look forward to continuing my growth with the team and the bank.”

Amato, Burns and Terlalis are currently members of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Central Massachusetts South Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

If people are looking to learn more about the home buying process North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Mortgage Center team will be hosting a Buyers and Brews Home Buyers Night Thursday, April 30 from 6-8 p.m. at Oakham Brewing Company. More details and registrations are accepted by visiting [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight).

## Genealogy and family history fundraiser

LUDLOW – A “Genealogy and Family History Fundraiser” is being held at First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center St. All proceeds will be made payable to the First Church in Ludlow to help fund the many projects necessary to keep the building in good shape including the most recent repairs necessary to their iconic steeple.

Dave Robison, professional genealogist of Old Bones Genealogy of New England, will conduct four sessions of learning (or re-learning) how to research a family. Hints, tips, tricks, all designed to get people started, to help them break through obstacles or inspire

them to just “get going” again. The plan is to hold the classes on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from March 31 to April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.,

So much has changed in the past year alone that keeping up to date on both online and offline collections is critical. The sessions are designed for beginner to intermediate level researchers. They will even touch on DNA to discuss which test should be used and why, what it can and what it can’t do and what to do after receiving the results. The importance of social media will be covered. Used properly, it can be very surprising what

it can do for researchers.

The cost is only \$40 for the four sessions which will be comprised of an hour to an hour and a half of instruction with time allowed for comments as well as question and answer segments. All students need is a pen and paper to take notes as there will be handouts to take home.

Please sign up by contacting Dave Robison at [dave@oldbones.info](mailto:dave@oldbones.info). Send an email indicating intentions to attend and the number of participants. Knowing the number of attendees is very important so Fellowship Hall can be set up comfortably for all.

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## MIAA

### Statewide tournament passes, will be implemented in 2021

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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As the Western Massachusetts basketball and hockey tournaments press on this week, a new tournament is now on the horizon.

Last Friday morning, the MIAA's membership voted in favor of holding a statewide tournament in all high school sports, and will do away with sectional tournaments beginning in fall 2021.

A special meeting of the MIAA and its board of directors was held last Friday morning at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlboro. Every member of the MIAA was allowed to send a representative to the meeting to vote on the proposal to hold a statewide tournament.

It was clear by opinions voiced leading up to the meeting that most of Western Massachusetts' was against the proposal. Most of the opinions were that a statewide tournament would more benefit the eastern part of the state.

But with the hurried rollout of the plan, concern of how MaxPreps would rank schools in the 32-team brackets, many more schools than expected voted now. However, majority ruled with a 193-140 vote.

"It's not the outcome I wanted," said Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton. "But now we move forward."

Stratton attended the meeting along with his building principal, Thomas Schnepf. Each member school, about 380 in the state, had the ability to vote. There were 333 votes cast in the decision.

With the vote passing, the MIAA will begin preparations to hold statewide tournaments in the fall of 2021, starting with soccer, football, field hockey, and girls volleyball. Sectional tournaments will be held during the 2020-2021 season.

However, based on how the meeting went, the Tournament Management Committee, which created the proposal, will continue considering how to make the MaxPreps formula work. The formula was not shared with the membership, citing it being a proprietary formula. The MIAA membership did not have a vote in the implementation of MaxPreps. For Western Mass and some Central Mass. tournaments, MaxPreps will replace the Walker system, which was used due to the diversity of the Western Mass. region and so many teams playing in leagues with teams in multiple divisions.

During the course of the next year, the MIAA will expand many of its sports to five divisions statewide. With the exception of football, most mainstream sports like soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball, have four divisions. The idea of expanding to five divisions will allow more teams to make a 32-team field as well as hopefully level the competition.

During the meeting, a brief presentation of the statewide tournament was given. Athletic directors and administrators in attendance were then given an opportunity to speak or ask questions.

Many concerns were raised over the amount of travel that could take place. The extreme example utilized was a team having to go from Lee (far Western Mass.) to Nantucket (far Eastern Mass.).

Joe Gamache, representing Franklin Technical High School, said it would also be hard for parents to support their children with trips across the state like that.

His point was countered by Shaun Hart from Burlington, a member of the TMC.

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Mia Krupczak goes into defensive mode as she thwarts the offense.

Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Mustangs easily advance into semifinals

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — The top-seeded Lady Mustangs earned their fourth consecutive trip to the Cage following a 57-22 victory over the ninth-seeded Putnam Beavers in a Western Mass. Division 4 quarterfinal game played before a large crowd at Michael J. Kane Gymnasium, last Friday night.

The Lady Mustangs (19-2), who won their 16 game in a row against the Beavers, were scheduled to face the fourth-seeded Lee Wildcats (13-9) in the semifinals at the Cage on Monday night. Monson lost to Lee in overtime in the 2017 semifinals at the

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Kelsey Duggan delivers this layup.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Lenox upends Monson in quarterfinals

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

MONSON — If the Monson baseball team is able to qualify for the postseason tournament this spring, they would probably prefer to play an opponent other than Lenox High School.

The Mustangs have not had very much success against the Millionaires so far during the 2019-20 school year.

In November, the Monson boys soccer team lost 2-0 to Lenox in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 finals at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

Last Friday night, the fourth-seeded Monson boys' basketball team suffered a 63-53 to Lenox in a Division 4 quarterfinal game played before a large crowd at Michael J. Kane gymnasium.

"This is a very special group of young men, who have a very bright future," Monson head coach Joe Trivisonno. "I believe this is a championship caliber team, but we just didn't make our shots in tonight's game. You just have to give Lenox a lot of credit because they played very well defensively against us."

The Mustangs, who finished this season with a 15-7 overall record, advanced to the 2019 semifinals at the Curry Hicks Cage following a 66-62 quarterfinal home win versus Paulo Freire.

"We were certainly not ready to look ahead towards next season following tonight's game," said Trivisonno, who's planning on returning as the varsity basketball coach next year. "These kids have played very

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Pioneers head for tournament after finale win

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Jocelyn Wells makes a pass up the court.



Cordelia Hageman makes an open layup.



Megan Mitchell gets the long jump shot off.



Brianna St. Jacques reaches out to get the ball.



Amanda Barrett shoots under major pressure.

PALMER — The Pathfinder Regional High School girls basketball team defeated Pioneer Valley Christian in its regular season finale on Feb. 18 50-13. In the win, Jocelyn Wells had 19 points to lead all scorers.

Brianna St. Jacques had 14 points. The Pioneers finished the regular season 12-8 and fell to Franklin Tech in the opening round

of the sectional tournament. A story on that game will be in next week's edition.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Panthers advance past Warriors to semifinals

By Karen A. Lewis  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE — Not since 2015 have the Quabbin boys basketball team merited the opportunity to dance among the top four teams in Western Mass in the semifinals happening this week.

The Panthers earned the chance when they defeated a strong Tantasqua team 52-47 last Friday night in the Division 2 quarterfinal game in their home gym in Barre.

"It felt great getting the win, they were a tough opponent," said Quabbin junior Shea Skowrya,

whose 15 points and 12 rebounds caused plenty of damage to the visitors. "Our team did what we needed to come out on top."

Just getting to the playoffs was admirable for the No. 5 seed Warriors (13-8), as they had lost eight seniors the year before, bringing back four—only two of which were experienced varsity players.

"Coming into the game I thought it would come down to whoever could consistently score the basketball," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "You have to give Quabbin credit, they were able to put the ball in the basket

more consistently than us and that ultimately made the difference."

Hosting a playoff game for the fourth seed Panthers (16-5) was an advantage they would use, knowing they were up against the second-best defensive team in Central Mass, according to statistics—compared to their own third place rank.

"This was going to be a strongly played defensive competition and it certainly turned out that way," Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur said. "It was a playoff atmosphere; and everyone could feel the enthusiasm and excitement. The home team fans were terrific in

their support."

The action didn't let up after the opening tip-off, with both teams knowing it was do-or-die, however it was the Panthers who eventually led the way with a 10-7 lead in the first and a 29-27 decision at the break, despite the Warriors coming back with 20 points in the second, a quarter that proved to be their best offensively.

"Shea had a tremendous second quarter, as we were able to get the ball into the low post and that seemed to ignite the home crowd, especially the bleacher creatures across from where the action was

taking place," remarked Dextradeur. "T.J. Chamberlain knocked home a couple of outside shots and that effort, combined with Shea's dominance in the paint, got us the lead which we never surrendered, despite several strong scoring runs from Tantasqua."

Many of the hometown fans could have thought the game was in the bag, especially after Quabbin drove ahead with a 10-0 run, only to finally see Warrior senior Troy Lee score a basket and a point on the free throw line after getting

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Collins, Robert**  
Died March 3, 2020  
Funeral Service March 8, 2020  
Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home  
Belchertown

**Fitzgerald, Sylvia R.**  
Died Feb. 29, 2020  
Funeral Mass March 6, 2020  
Church of Divine Mercy  
Three Rivers

**Hinkson, Barbara L. (Owen)**  
Died February 26, 2020  
Memorial Service on  
Barbara's Birthday  
Bonita Springs, Florida

**McLaughlin, Lucille P.**  
Died March 1, 2020  
Funeral services March 7, 2020  
Beers & Story Funeral Home  
Palmer

**Norton, Lorraine O. (Gregoire)**  
Died Feb. 25, 2020  
Funeral Mass March 7, 2020  
St. Christopher's Church  
Brimfield

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Robert Collins

PALMER – Robert Collins, 93, passed away March 3, 2020. Born in Three Rivers, he was the son of Robert and Helen (Pfunder) Collins.

He graduated from Palmer High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the U.S.S. Clytie AS26, in the South Pacific/Asiatic and attached to task force 58. He was a carpenter and member of the Carpenters Local Union 108 of Springfield. He was superinten-

dent and estimator for several construction companies in the New England area.

Robert was an avid antique car collector, restoring numerous steam cars over the years. He was recently predeceased by his loving wife of 63 years, Eulalia S. (Jez) Collins. He was also predeceased by his sisters, Virginia Sangermano and Daisy Gardner, and brothers, William, Irwin and Thomas James.

Calling hours will be held

Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 4 p.m. at the Beers & Story Funeral Home in Belchertown. Burial will be held Monday, March 9, at 10 a.m. at Four Corners Cemetery in Three Rivers. Please meet directly at the cemetery. For those wishing to do so, donations may be made to Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

For more information please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

### Sylvia Rose Fitzgerald

LEXINGTON – Sylvia Rose Fitzgerald, 83, passed away on Sat. Feb. 29, 2020 in the Pine Knoll Nursing Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Fitzgerald, of Acton, her son, Clifford Fitzgerald, of Medfield, and his wife, Joanne, her son, Scott Fitzgerald, of Williamston, Michigan, and his wife, Anne, her daughter, Cindy Surdam, of South Grafton, and her husband, Paul, and her sister, Elaine Kowalik, of Dover Plains, New York. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Sean Fitzgerald, Sarah Fitzgerald and Kevin Surdam.

Born in Palmer, Sylvia graduated from Palmer High School and became a legal secretary for the Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Springfield. She and Ronald married in June of 1956 in Saints Peter and Paul Church in Three Rivers. They moved to Acton in 1976, and subsequently traveled to many parts of the United States, with Sylvia's favorite destination being Walt Disney World. Visiting hours will be held on



Thursday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., in the Acton Funeral Home at 470 Massachusetts Ave. (Rt. 111), Acton, MA 01720. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, March 6, at 10 a.m., in the Church of Divine Mercy (formerly Saints Peter and Paul Parish), 2267 Main Street, Three Rivers. Burial will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Fuller Road in Bondsville. A memorial page can be seen at [actonfuneralhome.com](http://actonfuneralhome.com).

### Barbara Loraine (Owen) Hinkson

BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA – Barbara Loraine (Owen) Hinkson, age 100, passed away peacefully on Feb. 26, 2020 in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Barbara grew up in Three Rivers, Massachusetts, and was a graduate of Palmer High School, Class of 1937. In 1941, she married James Richards Hinkson who predeceased her and began raising a family in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Together Barbara and Jim ran the Hinkson Paper Company in Palmer for over 30 years, providing paper products to school districts throughout New England. After a 10-year stay in Connecticut where she worked for Talbots, she moved to Florida to embrace its warm and sunny climate. In Florida, she worked with Literacy Volunteers for many years.

Barbara had a great and generous spirit. She loved to travel. She went parasailing and hot air ballooning. She loved planning creative parties for her children

and friends. She raised orchids, kept up with current events, loved jigsaw puzzles and played a mean game of dominos. For her 100th birthday in 2019, four generations of her family and many friends gathered for a weeklong celebration of her life. She was also presented with a Certificate of Recognition of her 100th birthday by the City Council of Bonita Springs.

Barbara was born on May 2, 1919, in Manchester, New Hampshire to Frederick and Laura May (Mitchell) Owen. Her family traveled throughout New England before settling in Three Rivers, Massachusetts, as her father was a dyer in the textile industry and was in demand when new mills were opening. He was chief dyer in the Otis Mills in Three Rivers.

Barbara will be deeply missed by her daughters, Barba-



ra Craig and Ann Lees, of Bonita Springs, Laura Sullivan, and her husband, Denny, of Jefferson, Maine; and Holly Martel and her partner, Bill Kennedy, of Vero Beach, Florida; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Her sister, Thurley Roberta (Owen) Chase Ratigan, and her brother, Frederick Owen, predeceased her, and she was a great comfort and inspiration to their children: Patricia (Chase) McNeil and her husband, Jerry, of Seattle, Washington; Robert (Rocky) Chase and his wife, Anja, of Falls Church, Virginia; Judy Snyder, and Rick Owen and his wife, Natalie, of Belchertown, Massachusetts; and Pam Owen, of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

A memorial service will be held on Barbara's birthday in Bonita Springs.

### Lucille P. McLaughlin

THREE RIVERS – Lucille P. McLaughlin, 88, passed away March 1, 2020. She was born on April 26, 1931, in Palmer to the late Adrien and Beatrice (Simard) Paquette.

Lucille was a lifelong resident of Three Rivers and was a communicant of Divine Mercy Parish. She previously worked as a waitress for 39 years at Dominik's in Three Rivers, and most recently worked as a clerk at Monsanto.

Lucille was once the commander of the AMVETS ladies Auxiliary and was a member of the Palmer Lanes Bowling League. Most important to Lucille was her family, and she loved them dearly. Besides her

parents, Lucille was preceded in death by her son, Thomas "Tommy" A. McLaughlin, and by her loving husband, Thomas J. McLaughlin, in 2012. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Claire Paquette, Simone Stein and Muriel Paquette. She will be forever missed by her daughter, Tamara Walker, granddaughter, Ashlee Orbegoso, grandson, Thomas J. Walker, and great-granddaughter, Savanna Walker.

Calling hours will be held on March 6, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Beers & Story Funer-



al Home in Palmer. A funeral Mass will be held on March 7, at 10 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on March 7, at 9 a.m., for a funeral procession. Burial will follow at St. Anne's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Tommy" McLaughlin Scholarship Fund at Pathfinder High School, in honor of her late son.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Lorraine O. Norton

BRIMFIELD – Lorraine O. (Gregoire) Norton, 86, died on Feb. 25, 2020, in Palmer, surrounded by family. Born July 6, 1933, in Southbridge, she was the daughter of Frank and Delia (Beaudriault) Gregoire and has lived in Brimfield for most of her life.

Lorraine worked for Zero Manufacturing in Monson for many years, and worked as a home health aide in home care, nursing homes and for hospice for 17 years. An active member of St. Christopher's Church, she sang in the choir and folk group, and was very active in its Catholic Women's Club. She also worked for 36 years at the voting polls.

She will be deeply missed by her three daughters, Jack-

ie Marchand and her husband, Alan, of Brimfield, Julie Smith and her husband, Michael, of Warren, and Lorrie Baird, of Palmer. She also leaves her eight precious grandchildren, Lisa Baird, Nichole Martin, Serena Smith, Jesse Baird, Mike Marchand, Amber Baird, Matt Downey and Michaela Capistrone. Additionally, her 12 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandson survive her. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Donald B. Norton, a daughter, Donna Capistrone, sister, Dorothy Dickin-

son, and son-in-law Terry Baird. A funeral Mass will be Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m., at St.



Christopher's Church followed by burial in Brimfield Cemetery. A calling hour will precede the Mass from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

For those wishing, the family requests that flowers be omitted and donations be made to honor her memory to St. Christopher's Catholic Women's Club, P.O. Box 387, Brimfield, MA 01010.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

## Police/Fire

### Police Logs

#### PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 384 calls from Feb. 24 to Mar. 3. The Department made seven arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 26

Alex Goulet, 25, of 12 Colonial St., Palmer, was arrested at 8:27 p.m., on Colonial Street in Palmer, on a charge the possession of a Class B Drug as well as a warrant.

Rachel Anna Smith, 24, of 6 Walker Rd., Wales, was arrested at 11:02 p.m. on Main Street in Palmer on a charge of operating under the influence of liquor (3rd offense).

#### Friday, Feb. 28

Thomas W. Stanley, 51, of 4192 High St., Thorndike, was arrested at 5:39 p.m. on Wilbraham Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor (2nd offense); and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

### Fire Logs

#### BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of four calls from Feb. 25 through Mar. 2.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:32 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries and fluid spills on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 8:04 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8:37 a.m., the department provided mutual aid to a smoke detector activation at Pathfinder Regional Technical High School. The department returned to service at 8:54 a.m.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:20 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on Emery Street. The department returned to service at 7:34 p.m.

## Basic Firearms Safety Course available for locals

BELCHERTOWN - State Certified Instructor, Ofc. Edward Oey will be offering a Basic Firearms Safety Course on Saturday, March 7. Class will be held at the Swift River Sportsman Club, located at 350 Cold Spring Rd. (AKA: Moore Rd) in Belchertown starting at 9 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. As required by State Law, the course is an 8-hour classroom session.

As required by the State of Massachusetts, the course covers: safe use and handling of firearms; storage, methods of securing/child-proofing firearms; knowledge of operation pistols & revolvers; nomenclature, pistols/ revolvers/ rifles/ shotguns; ammunition; basic

shooting skills; shooting exercises; and laws pertaining to the possession, transportation and storage of firearms.

Students are required to pass a written proficiency exam. Students can also handle a variety of firearms.

This is a license to carry firearms, Massachusetts State Police Approved, NRA safety course required for new LTC/FID. A Massachusetts State Police Certificate will be awarded at the completion of the course. Concealed Carry Course and IDPA/Action Course both available on request.

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For questions or to receive a registration form please email Ofc. Edward Oey at [robocop50@aol.com](mailto:robocop50@aol.com). Registration forms are also available at R&R Sports Shop on Federal St. and at the Belchertown Police Station.

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I drop?" he hollered back. I couldn't help but laugh as I exclaimed, "Look down at your feet!"

By the time we reached Middle Carter, our final mountain of the day, our legs were waging a full-scale revolt, and we were seriously questioning our sanity. The last three miles seemed never-ending, and I was practically delirious from exhaustion when we finally reached the road at 4:30 p.m. We had been hiking for nine and a half hours.

Unfortunately, since we had done a loop hike, we faced an uphill road walk back to the trailhead where our car was parked. Although just under half of a mile, it's a mathematical fact that after a long day in the mountains, half a mile becomes the equivalent of five miles. No, se-

riously... that's not an exaggeration. I was fairly certain that I'd collapse if I had to take one more step.

Which left us with only one option. When we came out of the woods, we plodded across Route 16, and summoned up just enough energy to lift our arms straight out, parallel to the road... and raise our thumbs up in the air. The desperate look we wore on our faces worked, because we secured a ride in less than a minute.

Exhaustion and sore legs aside, we have now completed

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There are two options for the week-long Dance Intensive: July 19-25 and July 26-August 1. Designed for intermediate and advanced dancers in middle and high school, this course provides girls with the opportunity to train with professional instructors and study ballet, jazz, yoga, hip hop, and more.

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Summer Program Coordinator Liz Vollinger added, "With both boarding and day options, Summer at Stoneleigh-Burnham is a great way to introduce girls to all that SBS has to offer."

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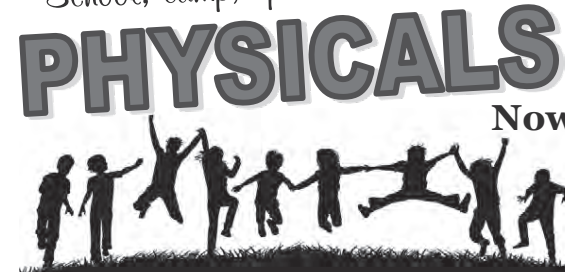
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United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are the largest sponsors of summer camps.

Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

- Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If

available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

- Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical or mental disabilities, or even preferences in camp courses.

- Establish payment schedules. Summer camps vary in price. The ACA says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited finan-

cial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

- Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

- Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts,

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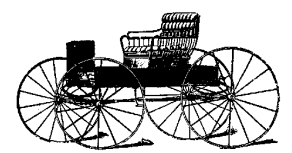
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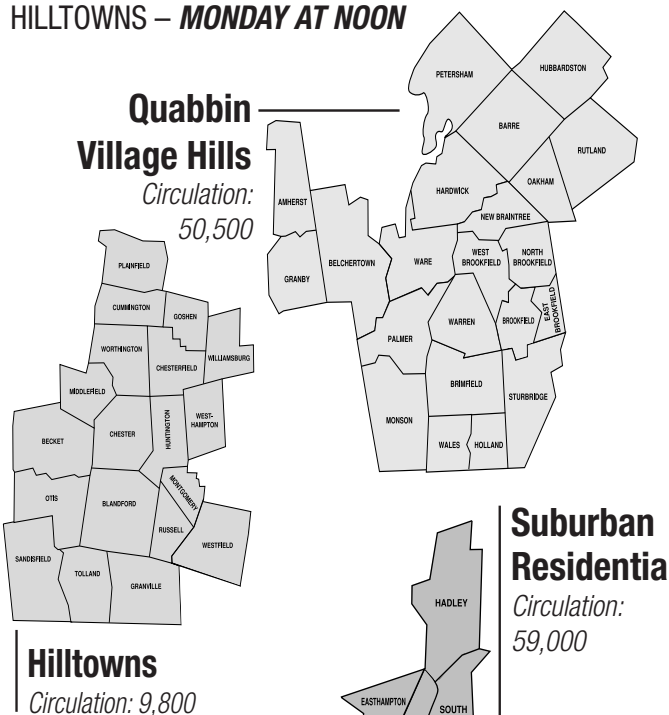
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## REAL ESTATE

### FOR RENT



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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development " HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

# Public Notices

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### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for a Variance from the requirements of Section 6.14.2.9 Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks relief from the setback requirements of 500 feet from lot lines in residential districts for the proposed 100' monopole style wireless communications tower. The proposed location is 94 Cote Rd, Monson, MA, Map 052, Parcel 028, owned by Ronald P. Ouimet & Amy S. Ouimet, in the Rural Residential district.

A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

**David Beaudoin,**  
**Chairman**

3/05, 3/12/2020

(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000749 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:  
Susan J. Bryant  
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 45 Jim Ash Road, given by Susan J. Bryant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated October 7, 2006, and recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16260, Page 435, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108**

on or before **March 30, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on February 11, 2020.  
Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder

3/05/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for a Special Permit as provided by Section 6.14, Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes to install a 100' tall monopole style wireless communications tower at 94 Cote Rd, Monson, MA, Map 052, Parcel 028, owned by Ronald P. Ouimet & Amy S. Ouimet, in the Rural Residential district. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours.

**Craig Sweitzer, Chairman**  
2/27, 3/05/2020

### PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Administrative Building, Meeting Room #1, located at 4417 Main Street in Palmer, MA 01069 on the application of Terrence and Linda Blair of 116 Nipmuck Street in Palmer, MA.

The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with the construction of a detached garage and extension of a driveway with associated site work. The work is proposed within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), and the locally protected 50-foot vegetated buffer strip to BVW.

The project site is located at 116 Nipmuck Street in Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 2 Lot 52.

Any interested persons wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the application and plan may be inspected at the Palmer Town Hall in the

Conservation Commission Office, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or contact the office at 283-2611.

**Donald Blais, Jr**  
Chair,  
Palmer Conservation Commission  
3/05/2020

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Northern Construction for a Special Permit requesting an extension of an existing non-conforming use. The applicant intends to use the parcel for open storage of construction materials and equipment. The location is 368 Stafford Rd, Monson, Map 84, Parcel 2, Map 85, Parcels 2 & 7, Map 106, Parcel 10 in the Residential Rural district, owned by Peter Lloyd. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

**David Beaudoin, Chairman**  
3/05, 3/12/2020

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 77 May Hill Road, Monson, Massachusetts  
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Joseph L. Begin and Patricia E. Begin** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated July 24, 2006, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 16145 at Page 564 and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, dated August 7, 2018 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22313, Page 346, previously assigned by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. dated August 16, 2017 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22036, Page 80, previously assigned by HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title, see deed dated February 7, 2002, and recorded in Book 12148 at Page 506 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank trea-

surer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.  
**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**  
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868  
3/05, 3/12, 3/19/2020

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000825 ORDER OF NOTICE**  
TO: **Eric Curboy and Kathryn Angers** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Brimfield, numbered 196 Wales Road, given by Eric Curboy and Kathryn Angers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Savers Co-Operative Bank, dated April 21, 2006, and recorded at Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15839, Page 315, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 30, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on February 14, 2020.  
Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
3/05/2020

(SEAL)  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000853 ORDER OF NOTICE**  
To:  
**Gabriel D'Arco;**

**Roberta G. D'Arco n/k/a Roberta Gloria Beaudry**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)  
**Citibank, N.A.**, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Monson, numbered 62 Bradway Road, given by Gabriel D'Arco, Roberta G. D'Arco to Citibank, Federal Savings Bank, dated August 23, 2004, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14471, Page 456 has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 30, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on February 14, 2020.  
Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
14458  
3/05/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P0345EA Estate of: Joseph F Kerigan Date of Death: 11/12/1994 CITATION ON FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by: **Joseph F Kerigan** of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/19/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by

which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: February 20, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
3/05/2020

**Notice The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) has received a KENO License application from:**  
**LAKE GEORGE TAVERN 2 MAIN STREET WALES, MA 01081**  
Estimated weekly traffic: (number of people): 500  
Current No. of Cashier positions selling Lottery products: 0  
Percentage of floor space currently devoted to Lottery sales: 0%  
Percentage of floor space for KENO sales: 5%  
Estimated annual gross revenues of current Lottery products: \$0  
Estimated percentage of gross revenues from sales of Lottery products: 7%  
Estimated net income to be derived by sales of KENO products at this location: \$6,000  
Written objection to the application, by the Local Licensing Authority, must be received by Gregory Polin, General Counsel, Legal Department, Massachusetts State Lottery, 150 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester, MA 02125 - 3573.  
3/05/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD20P0261EA Estate of: Alexander Marchacos Date of Death:**

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

**08/28/2018 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gillian Szlachetka Dubay** of Chicopee, MA  
a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Gillian Szlachetka Dubay** of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **with surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
3/05/2020

**NOTICE**  
ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

# Change clocks, check alarms this weekend

STOW — “As the country ‘springs ahead’ with daylight savings time, remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Working smoke alarms are key to surviving a fire. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms,” he said.

“Winter is not over, and our furnaces have been working hard. This is the time of year when something might break causing deadly carbon monoxide to leak into our homes,” said Ostroskey. “Working carbon-monoxide alarms are the only way to detect that invisible poison.”

## Replace smoke alarms

“Smoke alarms, like other household appliances, don’t last

forever,” said Chief Dennis Condon, president of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts. “Check the age of your alarms. Smoke alarms usually need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon-monoxide alarms after five to seven years. “If they are more than 10-years-old, replace the entire alarm,” he added.

## Photoelectric replacement alarms

The State Fire Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have 10-year, sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries and a hush feature. Ostroskey said, “Fire officials hope that if we make smoke alarms easier for people to maintain, they will take care of them. We see too many disabled smoke alarms in fires when people really

needed them to work.”

Time is an enemy “Time is your enemy in a fire. Working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible,” said Ostroskey.

Condon said, “No one expects to be a victim of a fire, but the best way to survive one that does occur is to have working smoke alarms.” In the average house fire, there are only one to three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm sounds. He added, “Take a few minutes to protect those you love by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend. Then take a step stool and some 9-volts to your parents’ or older neighbor’s and ask if you can refresh their smoke alarms.”

## Home fire sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers provide residents additional time to escape, but working smoke alarms are still needed to alert people to danger.

## Senior SAFE

Two hundred forty-eight fire departments across the state have grant-funded Senior SAFE Programs. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance. Ostroskey said, “Four out of every 10 people who died in fires last year were over 65. We want our seniors to be safe from fire in their own homes.”

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE Program, please go to [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) or contact the local fire department.

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part of the Western Massachusetts Regional Recycling Program. Housed on Birnie Avenue in Springfield, 101 Western Mass. communities participate in the program.

According to Ellis, effective June 30, the current contract with Waste Management Recycle America will end and along with it, a payment and revenue share of \$6 per ton. Communities now have until Feb. 28 to sign a new contract, to take effect July 1, that charges dual stream communities \$93.50 per ton of recyclables and single stream communities \$145 per ton. The five-year dual stream contract increases a little more than \$2 per ton every year, reaching \$103.21 per ton. The three-year single stream contract tops out at \$152.41.

Single stream communities are classified as such because residents place all recyclables into one receptacle. Dual stream communities separate mixed paper from plastic, metal and glass.

All of the communities represented currently operate under dual-stream contracts with the MRF, with the exception of Ludlow. Ellis informed Ludlow had just signed the new contract as a dual-stream community.

“What happened? The market for recyclables collapsed,” Ellis said.

He explained China, which was the world’s leading buyer of raw recyclables, stopped accepting other nations’ product as a result of a large quantity of contaminated material. Ellis said among the biggest contributors to the contaminated product was a result of single stream recycling. At the same time, domestic markets closed

down, causing the value of raw recyclables to plummet.

Ellis said the good news with the new contract is that 100 percent of the average market value of recyclables goes back to the community when the value is below the processing fee. The current value of recyclables is in the vicinity of \$20 to \$30 per ton.

Should the average value be higher than the processing fee, communities receive 70 percent of the value, according to a summary sheet Ellis provided officials. If the value is negative, the value is added to the processing fee.

To incentivize clean recycling, the new contract allows a community up to 15 percent contamination, a number Ellis said no dual-stream community in the program comes close to approaching. He said the average for dual-stream communities ranges between 3 and 6 percent. The fee for contamination is \$120 per ton, or \$300 per load if rejected and reloaded. Both fees increase by 2.5 percent each year.

One blow to the recycling market statewide was the closure of the last remaining glass mill. With glass comprising about 20 percent by weight of what reaches the MRF and nowhere to take glass, Ellis said if communities stop bringing glass, they’ll receive a \$5 per ton credit.

Markel said he recalled seeing a presentation that communities could purchase a glass crushing machine for roughly \$150,000 and that grant funding was available to help offset the price of those machines should two communities partner together. Ellis said that was an option and noted Holyoke is “serious” about being one of those

hosting communities.

## Dispatch

In other news, Hastings offered an update regarding the operations and capabilities of WestComm, the regional emergency dispatch center for Chicopee, Longmeadow, and now Monson. WestComm operates out of space in the Chicopee Police Department.

Hastings said the center has worked with the state to receive a series of grants. The first pays for 75 percent of the center’s budget and the second covers the remaining 25 percent of the budget for a period of three years.

“It doesn’t cost anything to come in,” she said, noting it does take about 90 days to integrate the software between WestComm and a new community.

Angelides said she has had no complaints since the town joined WestComm, as she’s noticed no difference in the services offered to residents and she’s noticed the reductions in Longmeadow’s post-employment benefit obligations.

“The big kicker is you will have to upgrade your radios,” McNutt said, speaking to the benefits of joining a regional dispatch center. He noted rather than a community having to take on the expensive project alone, by joining a regional entity, a community can receive the benefits of new technology at a fraction of the cost.

Hastings said they are currently looking at moving into a new building and have hopes of expanding. She said they could host up to 20 communities.

“One of the principal concerns from my perspective was

you’re setting up a separate board who’s delivering its independent budget to the town,” Bunnell said. “That created some anxiety on my part.”

“You already have those costs,” McNutt said, regarding escalating budget scenarios. “At some point you’re going to have to upgrade your radios, that costs what it costs. At some point you’re going to have to negotiate your collective bargaining agreements with your dispatchers, that costs what it costs.”

While state grant funding is presently available for regional dispatch centers, Boilard expressed concern that such funding could dry up, putting the member towns on the hook for a hefty operational budget over which it has minimal control.

“There’s pros and cons,” Debarge said. “What scares me is what you’re talking about — the state pulling the rug out.

“If regional is the way of the future, so be it,” Debarge continued. “Everyone wanted our officers there [in the station] for the personal reason.”

For Angelides, the financial savings for Longmeadow were too great to ignore, particularly with government mandates requiring communities fully fund their post employment benefits.

“We cannot sustain the way we’re providing services,” she said. “We’re ready to hit the ceiling. I don’t know in five years how we’re going to do it.”

The next meeting between the regional officials is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main St., Hampden.

# Meeting in March on new highway exit numbers

SPRINGFIELD — State transportation officials have scheduled additional meetings about the planned switch to mileage-based exit numbers on major highways.

After a first round of sessions was held in December, there will be at least one additional Western Massachusetts date this spring. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, in Room 220 of City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield. All are invited to learn more about the project and ask questions in person.

The conversion, planned to begin this summer, will affect most highways with exit numbers in Massachusetts, including Interstates 84, 90, 91, 190, 290 and 395, and the expressway portions of state routes such as Route 2.

For example, on the Massachusetts Turnpike, rather than running from Exit 1 in West Stockbridge to Exit 26 at Logan Airport, mileage-based exit

numbers will start at 3 and end at 137. The former Exits 5 at Route 33 and 6 at I-291, both in Chicopee, will become Exits 49 and 51 respectively.

A handful of short expressways with closely spaced exits, including Interstates 291 and 391 in the Springfield area, will not see their numbers change.

The switch will bring most highways in Massachusetts, one of the last states in the country to number its exits sequentially, into compliance with 2009 federal standards. The project is expected to cost \$2.8 million, statewide, of which 90 percent will be paid by a federal grant. MassDOT officials have said if the exit numbers are not changed by 2022, Massachusetts could have its federal highway aid withheld.

MassDOT also plans to schedule additional meetings this spring and summer. For more information about the project, visit [www.NewMassExits.com](http://www.NewMassExits.com).

# Public Notices

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Jason R. Voyik and Kaitlyn M. Voyik** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns, dated April 14, 2011 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18737, Page 373 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on March 17, 2016 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 21099, Page 474, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20530, Page 476 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **9:00 AM on March 26, 2020** at 1 Lakeshore Drive, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land, with buildings thereon located on the westerly side of Silver Street, Monson, Hampden County, being shown and designated as Lot 1 on a plan by Sherman & Woods dated

September 5, 2001 entitled “Plan of Land in Monson, Prepared for Lemon & Lemon Land Development” recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 322 Page 50, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY by Lot 2 as shown on said plan, 372.22 feet; EASTERLY by Silver Street as shown on said plan, 201.00 feet; SOUTHERLY by Lake Shore Drive as shown on said plan, 154.54 feet; And WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Paul M. Brodeur et ux, 378.94 feet. Containing 1.377 acres and being a portion of the premises described in deed dated July 17, 2001 recorded in Book 11802 Page 305 and in Book 11802 Page 308. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgages herein by Deed of David P. Paradis, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, simultaneously herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money

order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLAND PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
17-002171  
3/05, 3/12, 3/19/2020

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*Adventure tours of Warren*  
Share the Adventure with us!



**France Magnifique!**  
October 15-29, 2020  
\$5299

**April 4 ..... Jesus Christ Superstar ..... \$110**  
**May 2 ..... NYC for a Day ..... \$89**  
**May 16 ..... Bridge of Flowers Lunch ..... \$89**  
**June 20 ..... Escape to Rockport ..... \$69**  
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